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ISRAEL FETES BIRTHDAY

PROCLAIMS READINESS FOR PEACE, GIRDS FOR DEFENCE

Toronto demonstrates solidarity Sunday

special report to The Canadian Jewish News

The Jewish communities in all free countries are joining this weekend with the besieged and gallant people of Israel which is celebrating the twentieth anniversary of the establishment of the first Hebrew sovereign nation in almost two-thousand years.

Despite threats by its enemies, led by Moscow satellite President Abdul Nasser of Egypt, Israel demonstrates by its military parade held in the City of David she is jaunty, powerful, girding for defense but longing for peace—in the spirit of Yerushalayim, the City of Peace.

The Government of Israel rejected with disdain the hypocritical and cynical resolution of the so-called Security Council of the United Nations calling upon the Israelis not to hold its military parade in its own capital.

By denouncing this unilateral decision taken by nations who share the responsibility for the extermination of six million Jews during Word War II, and for indirect support to the enemies of Israel, the Jewish nation for the first time in a history filled with travail, sorrow and pain, demonstrated it is no more a people trembling in fear of the conspiracy of millenia but ready to fight for its survival. Nor is Israel at present afraid of annihilation by the agents of Moscow as it was in the beginning of its new life as a sovereign state.

On its twentieth birthday, the State of Israel again put before the civilized world the challenge of its martyred people: don't look back to the Jew you have oppressed for so long; he perished in your camps; look up to the new Jew gathered from all compass points and molded into one nation desiring peace yet ready for defense.

With the belief in the Guardian of Israel, the people of Israel is observing its twentieth anniversary.

Here in Toronto the Jewish community will rally en masse this coming Sunday evening, May 5th, at the North York Centennial Center, Finch Avenue West, to express its solidarity with our brethren in Zion.

LIGHT OF INDEPENDENCE. - Soldier lights menorah, symbol of peace, on the eve of Iyar the 5th, Israel's Independence Day which is today, Friday, according to the Hebrew calendar.
(On the occasion of Israel's Independence Day, The Canadian Jewish News publishes a full page of features, page 9. Also an exclusive interview with Foreign Minister Abba Eban, page 4.)

Commentary — Israel at twenty

by M.J. NURENBERGER

In Israel there is an entire generation in the fighting forces that does not remember the dark period in Jewish history when there was no Hebrew state. In the Diaspora are young men and women to whom the world without an Israeli state, a recognized Jewish homeland, is inconceivable. Thus those who do not recall a world without a national Jewish state often are misguided by the cynical and hypocritical anti-Israeli propaganda machine that systematically blames embattled Zion for the problems of the Middle East.

Some may have demonstrated last Saturday in Toronto and elsewhere "for the Arab rights in Palestine" and accepted libelous misrepresentation of Israel's position.

This generation, born either immediately preceding Israel's independence or during that period, —those between ages eighteen and thirty,—cannot visualize that the Jewish people, insulted, oppressed, maimed and decimated, virtually had no alternative but to sacrifice whatever it possessed to mobilize all its resources in order to establish itself "as a nation among nations."

This generation does not remember that six million Jews perished not only because there was a Hitler who caged them within the fortress Europe but because no country in the world—including the Soviet Union, the United States of America, Britain and Canada—had room for those who, before Pearl Harbor, before the Final Solution began, could have been saved had the compassionate Christian world offered them a home.

One of the facts often deliberately ignored is that prior to Pearl Harbor the West was challenged to accept the Jews from Hitler's Germany; the documents are here to prove it. But all the West did was make statements—and it refused to harbor the Jews even on a temporary basis.

The Jews of Europe were in a fortress from which all exits were barred, within and without. The Jewish people, those in that fortress, had no leaders to march in front of them, to lead them, in their Alabamas and their Montgomerys. Most of the leaders were either here or in Palestine; the sheep were left to be slaughtered by a curious and tragic conspiracy of those who wouldn't let the Jews in and those who wouldn't allow them to live where they were.

This situation preceding the birth of the Jewish state was not a coincidence, an accident of history; it was but the culmination point reached by Christian charity towards the Jew which began in Rome two thousand years ago and hit bottom in the guehenna called Auschwitz.

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What the Communist antisemites in Warsaw today call "Zionism" was not the fruit of Nazism only. The Poles well remember how they treated Jews before Hitler. They also know that during World War II Jews had to hide in Poland not only from the Nazi Gestapo but from their good neighbors who would sell them to the Gestapo for a barrel of sugar. And this was true not only of Poland but also of sections of Lithuania, Slovakia and the Ukraine.

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This is the background which forced the Jew for hundreds of years to remember Zion not merely for sentimental or religious reasons but because of intolerance interrupted by periods of persecution more or less violent.

Today those who maintain that the Jewish state on its twentieth anniversary is intransigent vis-à-vis the Arabs ought rather remain silent and bow their heads in shame.

I cannot read all this apologia by some of my best Jewish friends interpreting the Jewish state's position on peace with the Arabs. It is not true that the government of the Soviet Union believes the Jewish state refuses an accommodation with the Arab world. Nor is it true that the Arabs, misguided by political adventurers and dictators, have anything to gain from becoming slaves of Moscow or China; they have everything to gain from peace with the Jewish people.

Anyone in touch with the men and women serving in the armed forces of Israel knows there is no hatred whatsoever within the Israeli army for the Arab. Probably in this respect the armed forces of Israel are the only active warriors not inculcated with enmity towards those whom they must battle. Therefore the Israeli army knows why it fights; not one member of the defense forces of Israel would regret a transfer to civilian occupation.

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Recently it has become fashionable to talk about "Jewish occupation" of Jerusalem. With the exception of a few periods when their enemies actually killed Jewish residents of Jerusalem, there was no time in history when there weren't Jews in the Holy City. In fact, the Jews were a majority in all Jerusalem before the Balfour Declaration. So why should they allow the city to be divided?

It is not true that the Egyptians want war. It is the Russians who don't allow them to make peace.

Why don't those who speak about Israeli occupation of Arab territory suggest a qui pro quo, complete evacuation of Arab lands by the Israeli army as the price for terminating Soviet occupation of Arab countries? Let the Soviet Union and its satellites remove all their "technicians" from Egypt and Syria and let the world then challenge the Israelis to liberate all authentic Arab lands.

The United Nations has been approached by Jordan to investigate conditions of the Arabs who live under Israeli occupation. Were I consulted, I should accept this as part of a deal: United Nations investigation of conditions under Israeli rule versus United Nations investigation of living conditions of the remnants of Jews in the Arab countries.

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Furthermore those who discuss the olden days of Arab-Jewish cooperation forget the ghettos in North Africa and Western Asia in the recent decades (prior to the emergence of Israel). They also conveniently ignore the fact that approximately 600,000 to 700,000 Jews of Arab countries are in Israel, refugees from the Arab paradise of tolerance. Who believes the canard that these Jews left not because of oppression but because of "Zionism"?

And how secure is a Jew in Socialist Poland, where antisemitism survived the Jew, when in the middle of a political crisis a Communist government unabashed uses this scapegoat to synchronize its system of oppression? Isn't the last wave of anti-Jewish persecution in Communist Europe additional proof to substantiate the Zionist theory that the Jews must have a homeland where they can live by right and not by sufferance if twenty-five thousand Jews have become a problem to thirty-five million Poles?

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Last but not least, on this twentieth anniversary it is imperative to teach our children who do not remember the era without a Jewish state that Israel is not a product of a United Nations resolution.

The British occupation of Palestine terminated according to an official statement by the then British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin because of Jewish revolt against foreign rule.

Many Arabs—Palestinian Arabs, that is—at that time joined the Jews in expelling the British. That was before all those "friends of the Jews" started agitating the local population, and when foreign governments who had no business in Palestine sent armies to defeat the Jewish state—with the blessing of Bevin who openly proclaimed that the Jewish state would not last twenty days.

Thus the Jewish state was taken in blood, sweat and tears. It was born in blood; it continues to exist despite this conspiracy.

And let no one err—the Jewish people the world over are inspired by these men and women in Israel who have sacrificed their lives for an end of an era when a Jew requires tolerance and sufferance by others. This epoch is finished—we never shall allow it to return.

CANADA STATEMENT PUZZLES ISRAEL'S U.N. FRIENDS

by the CJN diplomatic editor

The statement made by Canada's permanent ambassador to the United Nations, George Ignatieff, during the fifteen-member Security Council meeting at the United Nations created some concern among the friends of Israel here.

It is recalled that, during former Prime Minister John Diefenbaker's regime and former Minister of External Affairs Paul Martin's tenure of office, the representative of Canada never dared speak of Israel as did Ambassador Ignatieff last Saturday night in New York.

In effect, Mr. Ignatieff stated for the record on behalf of the Government of Canada:

"In present circumstances, the parade is inevitably provocation . . . It is bound to raise tensions in the area."

Canada's representative, of course, was referring to Israel's Independence Parade scheduled for Thursday, May 2nd in Jerusalem.

(In a statement to the editor of The Canadian Jewish News, following the Six Day War, former Secretary Martin said, "No one expects Israel to leave United Jerusalem.")

The statement by Mr. Ignatieff, if authorized by Prime Minister Trudeau and Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Sharp, is an encouragement to the terrorist forces of Arab states that continue war despite ceasefire. Some hope that the Ottawa government publicly will disassociate itself from Ignatieff's declaration.

Israel-Germany

ENVOY LAUDS BONN

Bonn, (JCNS).— Relations which have been developing between West Germany and Israel during past years, justified an optimistic view for the future. Asher Ben-Natan, the Israeli Ambassador, said last week in an interview with "Deutschland-Berichte", a pro-Israel news bulletin published in Bonn.

He also expressed the appreciation of the people of Israel for the understanding and sympathy shown in West Germany to their problems before and since the Six-Day War.

Mr. Ben-Natan emphasised that the West German reparations agreement had been an historic event which had paved the way for all future relations between the two countries and had contributed to Israel's economic development during the last 16 years.

West Germany's readiness to supply arms had been another important factor which had deeply influenced the people of Israel, who realised that the Federal Republic had broken with the past and was now a democratic State, he said.

MONTREAL JEWISH TEACHERS VOTE TO STRIKE THIS WEEK

special report to The Canadian Jewish News

On Monday, at an emergency meeting of the Federation of Jewish Schools of Montreal decision was made unanimously for a referendum on a legal strike action in the event that the school boards refuse to accept the teachers' compromised proposal for arbitration.

According to F. Goldberg, president of the Federation, a strike may take place legally after Wednesday, May 1st, at the following schools: Jewish People's Schools; Jewish Peretz Schools; Hebrew Academy. After May 13th, a strike may be called at the United Talmud Torahs of Montreal Inc., and at the Shaarei Zion Academy.

Teachers are disappointed with the Boards' apparent contemptuous attitude to their problems and the persistent refusal to consider the Federation's legitimate demands for educational and financial reform.

The attitude of the Boards during a year of fruitless negotiations, the Federation maintains, seems incredible; their stance is more appropriate to sweatshops of the nineteenth century rather than to educational institutions of the twentieth.

The teachers feel they cannot allow this mockery of Jewish education to continue.

REPORTS ON RECENT WORLD ECONOMIC CONFERENCE IN JERUSALEM -- Ray D. Wolfe (right), president, Toronto United Jewish Welfare Fund, who reported on the achievements of the recently held world economic conference in the Holy City. Business executives present at the meeting held in the home of Philip Granovsky, 1968 United Jewish Appeal-Israel Emergency Fund Advance Gifts chairman, included (left to right): Morris Kaufman, past UJA chairman; H. Wayne Tanenbaum; Kenneth Rotenberg.

More pertinent pictures and stories inside

FINALLY: NEW HEBREW PRAYER BOOK IN MOSCOW

special report to The Canadian Jewish News
by Samuel Rozin, Novosti Press Agency

Moscow -- The Moscow Choral Synagogue has received the first copies of the new prayer book, under the editorship of Rabbi Yehuda Leib Levin, that has just come off the press in an edition of 10,000 copies.

The prayer book contains about 300 pages. The Jewish alphabet is presented in printed and written letters at the beginning of the book. Then follow early morning prayers recited on waking. After this come morning prayers, early and late evening prayers, as well as special prayers for Saturdays, for big autumn holidays, for Passover and other religious holidays.

The prayer book has been printed on excellent paper by the best printing plant in Moscow and will soon appear on sale. In an interview with Rabbi Levin I asked: "How does the new prayer book differ from the previous one issued several years ago?"

"There is a big difference," said Rabbi Levin. "First, at the request of the community we have included a number of additional prayers. Second, it is somewhat smaller in size than the former one and is much more convenient to hold during prayers. Third, our new prayer-book is better put out and I am sure the people will be very pleased with it."

TORONTO SYNAGOGUE NEWS

BLOOR DONOR CLINIC

Temple Sinai served as a center for blood donation last Tuesday.

In Metropolitan Toronto alone there are twenty-four hospitals requiring a minimum of 2,600 packs of blood every week of the year.

ABOUT CHINA

Wednesday evening Beth Tzedec College of Jewish Studies presented O. Edmund Clubb, expert on China, in a public lecture about China and the Power Struggle. At 5:30 p.m. he addressed university students on: The Meaning of Maoism.

CONFERENCE

The Zeirei Agudath Israel of Toronto, youth group of Agudath Israel, orthodox movement, recently held its 17th annual Torah conference. More than two-hundred yeshiva students representing fifteen yeshivot on the continent attended. Talmudic discourses were heard; a color-film of the movement's school system in Israel was featured.

Speakers included: Rabbi Stefansky, principal of Beth Jacob High; Rabbi Bronner of Beth Jacob; Rabbi Gold of Ner Israel Yeshiva; Rabbi Nussbaum of Eitz Chaim; Rabbi Burack of Congregation Beth Jacob; Rabbi Baruch Nussbaum of New York.

The following were elected to office: Menachem Roddman of Telshe Yeshiva in Cleveland, president; Shlomie Goldreich of Baltimore's Ner Israel, vice president; Allan Haber of Ner Israel of Toronto, secretary; Tom Schomberger of Yeshiva Beth Shraga in Monsey, treasurer; Isaac Neger of Telshe Yeshiva, public relations.

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Toronto Rabbis issue appeal to Community

The Toronto Rabbinical Fellowship issued the following statement to the community: The celebrations that the Jewish community will have the world over in honor of Israel's 20th Anniversary takes on added meaning because of the events of the past year. The fact that the official commemoration is taking place in the reunited City of Jerusalem makes us cognizant more than ever of the privilege we have of living in this generation. A reunited Jerusalem in answer to our age-old dreams makes us aware that the universal goals of peace and brotherhood can be achieved in our age.

The Toronto Rabbinic Fellowship joins world Jewry in proclaiming this week "Israel Independence Week" and encourages all Toronto Jewry to express gratitude for this great miracle of our generation. We urge you to attend the Synagogue of your choice this Sabbath and join with Jews the world over in showing their profound feelings for our beloved State of Israel.

Executive: Joseph H. Kelman; Michael C. Celniker; Melvin L. Libman.

Members: L. Berkowitz; Arthur Bienfeld; Herbert Feder; Emil Fackenheim; Abraham L. Feinberg; Emanuel Forman; Isaac Freeman; Aaron M. Kamerling; Albert Pappenheim; Jordan Pearlson; W. Gunther Plaut; Nachum L. Rabinovitz; Bernard Rosenswieg; Erwin Schild; Bernard Silverblatt; Reuben Slonim; Solomon Spiro; Michel Stroh.

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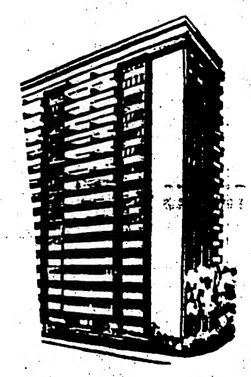

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1968 United Jewish Appeal and Israel Emergency Fund

COMMUNITY CAMPAIGN CLEAN-UP

Yom Haatzmaut

SUNDAY, MAY 5th

The following depots will be open from 10.00a.m. to 2.00p.m. to receive gifts and pledges to the 1968 UJA-IEF Campaign:

BETH AM 3100 Keele Street
BETH EL 1415 Don Mills Road
BETH EMETH BAIS YEHUDA 100 Elder Street
HOLY BLOSSOM 1950 Bathurst Street
SHAAREI SHOMAYIM 470 Glencairn Avenue
TEMPLE SINAI 210 Wilson Avenue
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN 4700 Bathurst Street
ZIONIST CENTRE 188 Marlee Avenue

In a massive all-out effort to clean up all outstanding cards and ensure the success of the vital 1968 UJA-IEF Campaign, a giant telephone drive is being conducted on Sunday, May 5th. Those who have not made their gifts and are not contacted are urged to bring them to any of the above depots on Sunday, May 5th.

LET US CELEBRATE ISRAEL'S 20th ANNIVERSARY IN THE TRUE SPIRIT OF TSEDAKAH!

The living community

TWO GENERATIONS -- Mrs. M. Fallick, seated, is shown making a canvassing call on behalf of Toronto's Women's Division of the UJA-IEF campaign, as part of a Toronto Telethon conducted last Sunday, April 28th to clean up outstanding cards. Mrs. Sonshine right, is seen going over a card with her daughter, Greta, center, while the latter's friend, Ann Mepen looks on. The two youngsters also assisted in the telephone drive.

IN FULL SWING -- Members of the Betar Zionist Youth Organization were among the many young volunteers who participated in a mass telethon on behalf of the 1968 UJA-IEF campaign. Harry Wolle, second from left, BZYO youth director, is shown coaching Molly Aizenberg, seated, on the correct telephone technique. Looking on, from left, are Shoel Silver, Molly Schwarzberg, Gordon Frimerman, Leah Adam, Yardena Branitsky and Paul Adam.

YOUNG AND ACTIVE -- Some of the many young volunteers from the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization who participated in a mass telethon on behalf of the 1968 UJA-IEF campaign are shown above. From left: Robynn Borins, Terrah Chapter; Bob Herstein and Abby Brandy, Achim Chapter; Donna Starkman, Terrah Chapter, and Stan Weisbecker, Achim Chapter.

WOMEN VOLUNTEERS -- Among the volunteers from the UJA-IEF Women's Division who participated in a Telethon to clean up outstanding cards, were the above ladies. From left, standing: Mrs. Ida Cohen, Mrs. Jennie Snider and Mrs. N. Pusits. Seated is Mrs. Abraham Granatstein.

TELEPHONING FOR UJA-IEF -- (left to right) Members of Eglinton Lodge, B'nai B'rith, seen during a recent telephone canvass of outstanding United Jewish Appeal pledge cards on behalf of the combined 1968 United Jewish Appeal-Israel Emergency Fund campaign in Toronto: Harry Weinstock; Barney Miller, the Lodge's UJA-IEF chairman and cochairman of the Paper and Printing Division of the campaign, and Harry Goldstein, all at the offices provided by Harry Pachter.

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People in the news

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* That's what was done by some of the students at Toronto's Community Hebrew Academy and the Junior Day High of Associated Hebrew Schools.

As previously reported, boys from 9A and girls from 9C walked from Bathurst and Lawrence to City Hall and back. Since then, the girls of 8D walked from the school to City Hall and return.

Both projects were underwritten by sponsors resulting in the addition of considerable monies to the students' UJA-IEF fund-raising efforts.

The youngsters have also engaged in several other events on behalf of the campaign. Most recent are a school-wide raffle, and a car-wash that was conducted by Grade 12 boys and girls at the Shell Station in Bathurst Manor Plaza.

Last report: the overall total raised by the students was more than $2,000!

This figure is almost double the previous high of past years and the students are still aiming at increasing the amount through added projects and collections.

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* Speaking of the Associated Hebrew Schools, their annual dinner has been scheduled for Wednesday, June 12th. Guest speaker will be the noted writer and lecturer, Milton Himmelfarb, contributing editor of Commentary Magazine. Subsidized by the UJA, Associated is the largest Jewish school system in Toronto, and one of the largest in North America.

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* Leonard Simpson and Fred Fine are taking deserved bows these days. They are co-chairmen of the Shoes Division of the UJA-IEF, the first division to have completed 100% of its pledge cards. The co-chairmen are quick to pay tribute to what they term "the fantastic job" accomplished by some of their volunteers. Sam Berger, Irving Nashman and Eddie Schmeiser covered in excess of 200% of their total assigned cards, completing not only their own assignments but also undertaking canvassing of other cards. Others mentioned for outstanding effort were Al Mandel, Dave Silverhart, Irving Walkin and Lou Miller. They too completed their own cards and then went out to canvass others which had not been covered. All seven men also brought in many new names to be added to the Division's roster. A great job well done by a group of dedicated men!

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* Mrs. John R. Devor is the new president of the Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations of the United Welfare Fund, succeeding Mrs. Abe Levine. Other officers elected at the annual meeting were Mrs. Ray D. Wolfe, first vice-president, and Mrs. Harry Eisen, second vice-president.

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* There are many groups within the volunteer family of the UJA-IEF campaign that performed outstanding, yeoman service, but a particular salute must be paid to the Construction Division. Ever since the campaign opened the division's leaders and canvassers have donated their Sunday mornings to meet for breakfast to detail and organize their campaign plans. Always a mainstay of the campaign in pledges collected and cards covered, the Construction Division men have truly held the torch high in selfless giving of time and effort. A big nod is due to the inspired leadership of co-chairmen Leonard Blatt, Harry Gorman, Alex Grossman and Dave Robbins.

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* There will be another mass Telethon to cover outstanding pledge cards for the UJA-IEF campaign, this Sunday, May 5th, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. At the same time eight depots will be located throughout the city where the public can bring its contributions. They will be: National Council of Jewish Women building, 4700 Bathurst St.; Zionist Centre, 188 Marlee Ave. and the following Synagogues: Beth Am, Beth El, Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda, Holy Blossom, Shaarei Shomayim and Temple Sinai. In addition several synagogues will conduct individual "Blitzes" of their congregations.

TO STAR IN GALA CONCERT. - Cantor Jacob Barkin of Toronto's Holy Blossom Temple, world famous tenor, who will direct the entire program of a spring concert at the Temple, Thursday evening, May 9th. Also featured will be the distinguished soprano, Mary Simmons.

The program, dedicated to the 20th anniversary of the State of Israel, will include the Franz Schubert Oratorio, "Miriam's Song of Triumph", as well as liturgical and modern Israeli music.

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TURMOIL IN EASTERN EUROPE

Polish purges

London, (JCNS) - With a thoroughness exceeding the wildest dreams of Polish antisemites before the war, the present-day Communist regime in the country has almost completed the removal of Jews from political, cultural, economic and public life.

Ministers, high officials, professors, factory foremen - few have escaped the axe, and the days of the remainder are numbered. Two new deputies have been appointed to the Foreign Minister, and the present Deputy Foreign Minister, Marian Naszkowski, a Jew, will soon be out of a job.

A pre-war Communist, he was the real organizer of the war-time Polish Army in the Soviet Union. Until recently, despite his Jewishness, he was highly regarded in Moscow.

It was he who summoned the Israeli Minister, Mr. Dov Sattat, to the Polish Foreign Ministry last June, and handed him the Note breaking off diplomatic relations with Israel which have never been restored.

Mr. Hersh Smolar, the vice-president of the Social and Cultural Union of Polish Jews and editor of the Warsaw Yiddish paper, "Folkszstyme", has been dismissed from the board of the Polish-Soviet Friendship League.

Like Mr. Naszkowski, he was until recently held in high esteem in Moscow. During the war, he led a Partisan unit against the Germans in Byelorussia.

DOCTORS' PLOT

There were echoes of the Stalinist "Doctors' Plot", when the Polish Army newspaper accused a leading Jewish doctor, Anatol Feigin, the director of a medical clinic, of having "terrorised" Mr. Gomulka and Marshal Spychalski when they were imprisoned in the early 'fifties.

Dr. Feigin was said to have been a departmental director in the Security Ministry at the time.

JEWS REFUSED EXIT VISAS

Jews are being refused exit visas to leave Poland, despite the advice by Mr. Gomulka, the Polish Communist Party leader, that those Jews who do not wish to assimilate should leave the country. There are also indications that Jews are being refused entry visas.

News that Jews were being refused permission to leave Poland was given by the Warsaw daily, "Zycie Warszawy", which said that the decision had been taken after "it became clear" that Polish Jews who formerly held senior positions had "revealed military secrets to be delivered to the CIA" on their arrival in Israel.

Yugoslav courage

Rome (JCNS). - Yugoslavia's delegation refused to give its approval to an anti-Israel declaration issued here by a conference organized by the Italian Communist Party and the Left-wing Italian Socialist Party of Proletarian Unity.

The three-day conference brought together "for the first time", (as the participants frequently emphasized) seventeen delegations representing Communist and other parties and movements from twelve Mediterranean countries: Algeria; Cyprus; Spain; France; Greece; Italy; Morocco; Portugal; Egypt; Syria; Turkey; Yugoslavia.

Representatives of the Italian Communist Party and the French Socialist Party expressed regret that Israel had been excluded from the conference at the demand of the Arabs.

M. Marc Heurgon, of the French Socialist Party, said that it was high time that an end be put to "monologues without a dialogue", and urged the need for open discussion of problems about which "our Arab friends held different views from others."

After 24 hours of discussion behind closed doors, the conference produced a six-page document denouncing "American imperialism".

Regarding Israel, the document declared: "The conference demands the immediate withdrawal, without conditions, of Israeli armed forces to the positions occupied before June 5, 1967, in conformity with the principle that the acquisition of territories through war is inadmissible."

The head of the Yugoslav delegation, in abstaining from approving the document expressed himself firmly in favor of the participation of all "progressive forces" in such conferences, and for "the transformation of the Mediterranean into a region without foreign bases and atomic weapons."

This last phrase was interpreted as a clear and critical reference to the presence of the Soviet fleet in the Mediterranean, which the document did not mention.

Czech changes

Frankfurt, (JCNS). – "A certain change" in the attitude of the Czechoslovak authorities towards Israel was confirmed at a press conference in Frankfurt last week by Dr. Eduard Goldstuecker, the chairman of the Czechoslovak Writers' Union, and professor of German at the Charles University in Prague.

The Czechoslovak leaders were now realising what the "uncritical adoption of the Arab nationalists' chauvinist slogans" was wrong, he pointed out. Dr. Goldstuecker, who arrived here to lecture at the university on the Franz Kafka, said that he believed unjustified the fears expressed abroad that the democratic processes now being introduced in Czechoslovakia might be curtailed or even stopped by "certain foreign pressures".

Between 1949 and 1951 he was Czechoslovakia's Minister to Israel.

Prague (JCNS). - Czechoslovak Jewry had ample supplies of matzot and kosher wine for the celebration of the Passover in the traditional way this year, and the spirit of liberalization in the country contributed greatly to making this year's Festival of Freedom a memorable one.

COCHAIRMEN FOR 1968 STATE OF ISRAEL BONDS OF TORONTO CAMPAIGN -- Morris Waxman will serve as cochairman with Hy Lampert of Toronto's State of Israel Bonds 1968 campaign thus garnering the broadest possible support for Israel's economic development throughout B'nai B'rith Lodges. Seen, from left to right: Harry Frank, chairman, executive committee; Hy Lampert; Morris Waxman; Morris Flicht, president, Toronto Regional Council, B.B.

COMMITTEE FOR INDUSTRIES, 1968 TORONTO ISRAEL BONDS DRIVE -- The committee for Industries of the current campaign of Toronto's Israel Bonds (left to right): Harry Rubin, general cochairman, State of Israel Bonds of Toronto: D. Lou Harris, national chairman, State of Israel Bonds of Canada; George Goldlist, chairman of Industries for the 1968 Bonds Drive; Alex Rubin, general cochairman, Toronto Israel Bonds committee.

CHAMPS -- Winners of the Ninth Annual Regional Bible Contest sponsored by Upper Canada and Leonard Mayzel Lodges, B'nai B'rith for students of Toronto and Ontario Jewish schools, are shown here with some of the officials who participated in an award presentation ceremony held on Sunday, April 28th in the Tel Aviv Room of Toronto's Zionist Centre.

Standing, from left: Stephen Shaul, Larry Krauss, Brian Green, Judy Shier, Leonard Direnfeld, Janice Newman, Jeffrey Cooper, Sheldon Sheps and Jeffrey Kerbel.

Seated front, from left: Stephen Berger, chairman, UJA Administrative Committee, who represented the United Jewish Welfare Fund; John R. Devor, president, Bureau of Jewish Education; and Max Aiken, past president, Upper Canada Lodge, B'nai B'rith.

TORONTO STUDENTS EXCEL

Approximately 35 students from both Toronto and Ontario Jewish schools participated in the competition held on Mar. 31 last. Nine students from Toronto Jewish schools were the prize winners.

Larry Krauss and Stephen Shaul, both of the Junior Day High at Associated Hebrew Schools finished first and second respectively in the Advanced Hebrew Division for students of Day Schools. Brian Green, also of the Associated Junior Day High and Judy Shier, United Synagogue Day School, tied for third place.

In the Intermediate Hebrew Division for students of afternoon schools Janice Newman, Beth Tzedec Congregational School and Leonard Direnfeld, North Bathurst Talmud Torah, Associated Hebrew Schools tied for first place.

Jeffrey Cooper, Beth Am Congregational School took first place in the Comprehensive English Division. Sheldon Sheps of the same school took second place and third place was obtained by Jeffrey Kerbel, Temple Sinai Religious School.

Top winners will go on to the National finals to be held in New York on May 19th. They will include Larry Krauss, Stephen Shaul, Janice Newman, Leonard Direnfeld, Jeffery Cooper and Sheldon Sheps, who will compete against the best Bible students from 40 U.S. and Canadian cities.

The Bible Contest is administered locally by the Bureau of Jewish Education under the chairmanship of its Associate Director, Alexander Brown.

Executives of the Bureau who participated in the ceremonies include: John R. Devor, president; Dr. Joseph Diamond, executive vice-president; Dr. Solomon B. Ullman, Senior School Consultant, and Alexander Brown, Associate Director. Others were: Stephen Berger, UJA Administrative Committee Chairman, representing the United Jewish Welfare Fund; William Grosberg, first vice-president, Upper Canada Lodge, B'nai B'rith, and Max Aiken, past president, Upper Canada Lodge, and a leading figure in developing the sponsorship of the contest by the B'nai B'rith Lodges.

Also present were: Jacob Burke, principal, Associated Hebrew Day High School; Aaron Nussbaum, principal, United Synagogue Day School; Leo Adler, principal, North Bathurst Talmud Torah of Associated, and Dr. Eli Gard, educational director, Beth Tzedec Congregational School.

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THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS ARE ON . . .

Le Figaro, Paris

letters and opinions

YIDDISH AND CONGRESS

Dear Editor:

This is the fiftieth year since the Canadian Jewish Congress was established. The original founders of the CJC were Yiddish speakers who lived with and thought in Yiddish, read its press and literature.

Therefore it is the duty of the Toronto Branch of the Committee for Yiddish in Canada to pursue its work in their spirit, dedicating its energy towards the renewal and strengthening of the Yiddish atmosphere and its creative forces; to safeguard Yiddish against those who discriminate against it and seek to malign and minimize a Jewish civilization of more than a thousand years old.

The Branch deems it its sacred obligation to preserve and develop the dynamic forces inherent in Yiddish for the spiritual well being of all Jews now as well as in the future.

At the forthcoming Congress session it will attempt to present the case of Yiddish and break through the existing barriers, apathy and indifference towards Yiddish.

Committee members who will bring proposed resolutions before Congress include: L. Horowitz; M. Menachovsky; N. Stolnitz; J. Kilgman; A. Reinhartz.

Toronto
KARL A. COHL, Chairman

JARRING

Dear Editor:

I do not share the confidence of those who believe that Dr. Gunnar Jarring is on a "goodwill" mission. In the final analysis, his goal and objective is to compel Israel's withdrawal from all the liberated areas occupied by her after U. Thant's hasty withdrawal of U.N. troops on June 5th to accommodate Nasser. Dr. Jarring's job is to rescue and save the image and position of both Nasser and U. Thant by restoring the meaningless "armistice" pretzel lines that existed prior to June 5th by art, guile or persuasion, without direct negotiations or treaties of peace.

To accomplish this, in the manner of all good fishermen, "fishers of men" and diplomats, Dr. Jarring is baiting the hook with temporary achievements that appear to be in Israel's favor.

At the same time the U.N. is encouraging and apparently permitting the Arabs to attack and harass Israel by repeated raids with impunity to enable U. Thant's Gunnar to jar Israel loose from her present strong positions of safety.

History, especially Exodus, teaches that those who fail to profit from their mistakes are destined to repeat them. Israel need not go back thousands of years for the lessons taught by the betrayed promises of Pharaoh after each of the Ten Plagues. Israel need only refer to her more recent experiences with unfilled promises, temporary armistice and truces arranged by Count Bernadotte, Ralph Bunch, John Foster, Dulles, et al.

Detroit, Michigan
SOL A. DANN

POLAND

Dear Editor:

The following telegram sent to the Canadian Jewish Congress may interest the public:

Appalled by Congress lack of leadership regarding situation in Poland where government has taken public antisemitic stand and offered to permit its 20,000 Jews to leave country.

Have you asked the Canadian Government how many it will admit on compassionate grounds?

Have you called emergency executive meetings to plan emergency fundraising and other measures to help the Polish Jews emigrate immediately to Israel and Canada?

For whom are you waiting? The Israeli Government? The U.S.A. Government? The United Nations?

Are we too busy seeing films and plays about the holocaust and Kielce and reading about indifference of governments and institutions to do something real when the opportunity presents itself?

Are we too busy raising funds for museums and charity at home and for Israel emergency to recognize a real emergency even when it doesn't involve armies?

Congress has too often underestimated concern of its members and willingness to help when given leadership and direction.

I cannot in good conscience allow you and other "leaders" to ignore need for positive immediate action and will do all possible with limited resources to force you to lead us.

Montreal
SYDNEY KOM

Neo-Nazis

IT'S UP TO THE GERMANS

". . . If the press in Germany is to be cowed by leftwing violence, it will be cowed by rightwing violence as well—and that is the path back to the Nazis."
Max Lerner, Los Angeles Times

We cannot accept in full the theory expounded by the famous American liberal philosopher, Max Lerner, that the recent leftist student-riots in West Germany help the Nazis back to power. True, as Brandeis Professor Lerner points out, "that every free newspaper must stand with the Springer press concern on this issue of press freedom from political violence," defending the right to publish.

Also it is not widely known that the Springer press empire is headed by a man who has no Nazi past, that the Dutschke group now agitating against the Springer newspapers, as Lerner says, actually is mobilizing Germans against "competition of ideas".

However, to blame recent developments in Germany entirely upon the Dutschke riots would be unfair and historically inaccurate. For the free world has pampered NPD leader Adolf von Thadden too much.

Some time ago, when the CBC tried to bring this neo-Nazi leader to Canada, The Canadian Jewish News led the protest against this visit and called for a complete boycott of his appearances should he be admitted. Moreover, we protested against those who agreed to share the limelight with Adolf von Thadden, for what this neo-nationalist leader wanted was the opportunity to "discuss" his "ideas" publicly so that he could build up the image of a baby-kissing politician, as he was presented by Larry Zolf of CBC.

The report from Germany that von Thadden's NPD has won twelve seats in the Baden-Württenberg state elections and that the German Socialists are badly beaten must, in our opinion, become the concern of those wishing the West German liberal and democratic forces a true renaissance.

Yet it seems to us that many Germans equate the tolerance of a political party of the extreme right with the license to "start it again."

They don't realize that their real enemies are but waiting for the chance to prove that the Nazis are there in order to hamper and throttle the normal progress of democratic West Germany.

We are not experts in the constitutional problems of the Bonn Republic. However, we believe that while West German law at this moment prohibits the legal existence of a Communist party there is no reason why experts in Bonn cannot find means to put the NPD group outside the law.

In Württenberg not only has the NPD succeeded in obtaining close to ten percent of the total vote but it has elected as leader a Nazi pogromist, Wilhem Gutmann.

Gutmann, chairman of the now victorious Baden-Württenberg section of the NPD, is the man who led the Nazis in the attack on Jews in his native town of Tiengen, November 9, 1938, during the infamous Crystal Night. It was he, the then mayor of Tiengen, who headed the mobs when Jewish shops were set afire, synagogues burned, cemeteries desecrated and, in general, the green light given to the Hitlerite persecution of the Jews.

This Wilhelm Gutmann, we repeat, is the chairman of the Baden-Württenberg NPD and has been elected on its ticket to the state parliament.

It is interesting to note that some time ago this Gutmann took legal action against a local citizens-committee which distributed leaflets about his past; he lost. His claim for an injunction was rejected on grounds that the allegations were true. Subsequently public prosecutor, Dr. Firnkorn, published all the facts concerning Wilhelm Gutmann's past.

What is the past of the man who now led the Baden-Württenberg section of NPD to an election victory?

According to Dr. Firnkorn, in 1938 Nazi Mayor Gutmann incited the mobs with a violent antisemitic speech. Consequently his "assistants loaded Jews on trucks and delivered them to the Gestapo. The men never were seen again."

Thus the serene contemplation of the growth of the NPD in Germany, along with CBC's tolerant, baby-kissing trimmings, are over.

To the anti-Nazi Germans, those desiring a democratic regime, this is the signal to rally and place the Gutmanns and von Thaddens outside the law. For the Nazis in Germany, old or new, will not be permitted again to rise from the ashes by *external* forces. They only can destroy whatever was built by Adenauer and his followers during the last few years.

The time for action is now.

We repeat: *we* are not afraid of the Nazis; we stated this many times. The Germans should fear them; *they* must stop them.

EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH ABBA EBAN

NO PEACE WITHOUT NEGOTIATION

BY ISRAEL NEUMANN
Tel Aviv.

Whatever the procedures adopted in initiating talks with the Arabs, the Israeli Foreign Minister, Mr. Abba Eban, is convinced that "there cannot be any advance without direct negotiations. The central problem is the creation of an agreed and secure border. This is a matter that can be discussed only face-to-face."

In an exclusive interview with your correspondent, Mr. Eban said that the Middle East was now the centre of a political whirlpool created by an Israeli initiative announced in the Knesset -- "the willingness to meet the Arab representatives under the chairmanship of Mr. Gunnar Jarring (the U.N. special envoy), to negotiate face-to-face on all the subjects mentioned in the Security Council resolution.

FAIR PLAY

"Only a few weeks have passed since we tried to break the ice by proposing negotiations in such a form as might help the Arabs to overcome their complexes: we proposed a procedure guaranteeing a status of equality to both sides to the negotiations, as well as the presence of an exterior international factor capable of assuring a balance in the talks, so that we could not possibly dictate their course as 'haughty victors', as the Arabs allegedly feared.

"We proposed a fair game, on a neutral ground, with an umpire guaranteeing respect for the rules of fair negotiation."

Mr. Eban did not believe that this initiative had failed. It might still bring the desired results. "You have asked me if there is no scope for a new initiative. But is there any other means that can bring about negotiations?

"I am ready to listen to suggestions and have a few ideas myself, but all of them within the framework set by the Government and the Knesset.

"There is one thing I am convinced of: there cannot be any advance without direct negotiations. The central problem is the creation of an agreed and secure border. This is a matter that can be discussed only face-to-face.

"As to the question -- Can we not further clarify the meaning of an agreed and secure border and begin to transmit maps? -- my opinion is that this would not be a wise thing to do.

"In such a case, the Arabs could react to our proposals without negotiations which would enable us to oblige them to submit counter-proposals, or to justify their refusal to accept our peace plan.

"I have heard of no precedent for Governments discussing territorial problems without clarifying in advance that they desire to arrive at a peace settlement through negotiations. Even the international agents with whom we maintain contact do not advise us to clarify in detail our proposals to the Arabs outside the context of negotiations.

"The Arabs might, possibly, be under a wrong impression, due to the public discussion taking place in Israel. It seems to me that they attribute too much weight to the opinion of a minority, which contends that peace would be an illusion and that the borders should not be made a subject of negotiations.

MORE COURAGE

"The Arabs may be mistaken because of a failure to distinguish between this minority and the opinion of the majority which would like to see a number of possibilities left open. The conclusion I draw is that the view of the majority here should be reflected with more courage in public opinion, and that the initiative for expression should not be left exclusively in the hands of what I believe to be a minority."

Your correspondent asked Mr. Eban if a declaration by the Israeli Government recognizing the national identity of the Arabs of Palestine might not promote a settlement and, at the same time, serve to convince world opinion that Israel was not bent upon conquest.

The Foreign Minister replied: "It is less important to 'declare' than to work out a peace plan which will clarify for ever who belongs to whom. If a solution can be found guaranteeing our security, while according self-determination to some tens of thousands of Arabs, this will at the same time solve most of our problems with world opinion.

"There are different ways to arrive at this possibility and I shall not dwell on them because the Government has not taken a decision on the matter.

SECURITY SPACE

"I know the way of thinking of all the members of the Government, and I know that most of them seek a solution to this contradictory problem -- they want more security space but, if this is possible, they would like to achieve this without denying the right to self-determination of several tens of thousands of Arabs.

"Those who are concerned with security are seeking different ways. Those upon whose appreciation of security matters I, and the entire people of Israel, rely do not claim that the present cease-fire line constitutes the only situation which can possibly guarantee our security.

"Did not the existence of a very wide coalition limit the possibilities of the Government to make decisions and of Israeli diplomacy to take new initiatives?

Mr. Eban replied: "I am convinced that, given a real prospect of negotiations, the Government would reach a consensus reflecting the opinion of the great majority in the Cabinet. The Government is not divided into numerous splinters.

"The great majority of its members are ready for peace, fixing the final borders by negotiations. Should we arrive at a serious discussion on peace . . . I would prefer a Government decision, rather than the maintenance of unity by abstaining from a decision.

"A majority of the public believes that the duty of the Government is not to remain united, but to make up its mind. If the decision can be taken unanimously so much the better. And, if not, a majority decision is the first duty of the Government and the essence of its right to exist.

"A Government has not the right to eschew decisions and to point proudly to itself: 'I took no decision, but see how united I am!' I hope that, when the time comes, the Government will decide and, if there is no unanimity, I hope that the minority will accept the decision and will continue to share responsibility with us.

"This is a way in which unity can be maintained, while the capability to take decisions is fully safeguarded."

ASK THE RABBI

* IS THERE A JEWISH CATECHISM?

* Traditionally Judaism has not had a catechism, not because there are no beliefs in our faith (this would be an inner contradiction) but because there has been no machinery in the past for the formulation of what it is that the Jew believes. There is a body of beliefs handed down by tradition, but which of these is stressed at any particular time is left to the teacher of Judaism at that time. Maimonides (twelfth century) drew up a well-known list of Thirteen Principles of the Jewish faith. At the beginning of the last century in Germany a number of catechisms were prepared, particularly for the use of children. Samson Raphael Hirsch (1808-88) once said that the Jew's calendar is his catechism.

Sermon For The Week

Why the Restlessness?

The U.S. President in his State of the Union message dealt with two salient points. In our pursuit of happiness the nation has achieved prosperity as has never been recorded in history—higher paychecks, humming factories, more and more new homes equipped with more than seventy million TV sets. Yet, the President said, there is a restlessness in the land—a puzzling restlessness. It is as if material prosperity were the ultimate in human happiness and, therefore, the puzzling question: why the restlessness?

The President also dealt with the restlessness evidenced by the growth of crime and lawlessness throughout the land, which has reached the proportions where the nation dare not remain oblivious to the problem. The great prosperity—which it would seem should be a deterent to crime, appears to be a major stimulus to lawlessness. We are confronted by a restlessness directed against law and order, as if law and order would stifle the innate desire for freedom of the human personality.

RESTLESSNESS, per se, is most desirable. It is indicative of the vibrancy of living, of a never-ending quest to ever greater human attainments. The Rabbis of the Talmud saw this as a great blessing and taught us that "the righteous have no rest, neither here nor in the world to come, for it is written 'and they shall go forward from strength to strength.'"

Restlessness, then, is an indication of the inner strength of the spirit which is not content with material gains. but seeks fulfillment in the endless expanse of the spiritual realm. Solomon in his wisdom spoke of this problem and taught us: "And the soul is not fulfilled." Our Sages sought to make things easier for us to understand by comparing the problem at hand to the marriage of a peasant to a royal princess. In his love and devotion he showered upon her all that he, as a peasant, considered fine and wonderful. But in all that he gave her the princess saw only the crudeness of the peasant and his lack of the majesty of royalty. In the marriage of soul and body the spirit thirsts for the majesty of the Divine and this thirst cannot be quenched even by ceaseless flow of mundane attainments.

WHEN ONE IS conscious of the nature of the problem there lies hope in this restlessness. When it is however misunderstood, you have the restlessness of frustration and anarchy, the breakdown of human decency, the bankruptcy of morals, and the evolvement of a New Morality based upon this very bankruptcy. Indicative of the temper of the times is the fact that this New Morality has as its proponents, not merely secularist intellectuals but also theologians and clergy. Morality then, is merely a man-made system of conduct propelled by the specific cultural milieu in which we live. As times change, so also must morals change. There is then nothing which is truly base or ignoble in the nature of man. For those who live in a society governed by "turning on" and "taking a trip" by LSD, the conduct engendered by these "trips" becomes morally correct and justified. Morality then, cannot be a governing factor in the life of man, since it is man himself who determines the nature of morality in accordance with his specific needs.

Morality becomes just one more tool of Man. It is most interesting to note that the Rabbis, long ago, made us aware that even Religion can deteriorate and become merely utilitarian. They commented on the verse: "gods of gold, of silver, and of molten metal." They explained that people make their gods of gold; but when they need gold for other purposes they make their idols of silver; and when silver is needed, they make their idols of molten metal. For some reason Man needs the satisfaction of Religion and a code of morality. And he fashions it to his desires. Does not this, in itself, indicate that the moral law inheres within Man and is part of that insatiable thirst of the soul which is at the root of our human restlessness. He fails, however, to ask himself: "Why, indeed, do I need Religion after all? What, indeed, is that inner force which impels me to create a moral code? Why must I feel that what I do is morally right?"

Torah seeks to invest Man with the feeling and sense of Mitzvah—the Divine Commandment. Only the awareness of Mitzvah, the Divine Commandment of a Creator to His Creation, can arouse Man to hear the call of the soul out of the cacophony of material diversions.

The restlessness of which President Johnson spoke encompasses the Jew of our age. The deterioration of a Torah-less Jewish society has already produced the Jewish hippie and the Jewish theologian who preaches the New Morality of sexual promiscuity. We are seeing the tragic deterioration and degradation of a Judaism seen merely as a religious civilization.

In such times of restlessness the Torah Jew is too restful. Restlessness *against* Torah must be met with restlessness *for* Torah. The soul calls for fulfillment. □

Rabbi Mordecai Gifter in Jewish Observer

DATELINE: ISRAEL

OCCUPATION OFFICIALS CRITICIZED

by Our JCNS Correspondent
Tel Aviv

Praise for the military authorities for the way in which they are fulfilling their tasks in the occupied territories and harsh criticism of the low standards of public administration there, are the main features of a report prepared by the State Comptroller, Dr. Itzhak Nebenzahl, and released this week.

At a press conference on Tuesday, Dr. Nebenzahl said that officials were inclined "to take a flexible view of rules and regulations", because of the national propensity to get things done.

Despite all their achievements, he added, the public was justified in feeling some disappointment that "the public service has not yet acquired a reputation for scrupulous propriety," and that the baksheesh (bribery) spirit of Ottoman times still persisted.

The lack of watertight procedures opened the way to possible derelictions of duty even graver than the acceptance of small cash bribes, Dr. Nebenzahl said.

As regards the military authorities, while praising them for their successes, the report criticises their lack of care in dealing with military property. Captured equipment had not been adequately safeguarded and souvenir-hunters looted such items as irreplaceable optical instruments.

Despite orders to the contrary and with disregard of Government policy, the report continued, civilian cars had been confiscated in the occupied territories.

A particularly regrettable fact noted in the report is the delay there has been in compensating wounded soldiers. In some cases, months have gone by after the wounded men have left hospital before pensions have been paid to them, despite their inability to work.

The police also come in for criticism over their lack of respect for some of the regulations governing the treatment of detainees, but in East Jerusalem the police fulfilled their role properly, generally speaking.

BORDER BARRIER AGAINST TERROR

Tel Aviv -- Israel rapidly is throwing up a barrier along the River Jordan between the Sea of Galilee and the Dead Sea, using fences, military posts, sophisticated electronic devices and extensive minefields to keep out terrorists.

This has resulted in a sharp decrease in terrorist activities during the past few days although Israelis still are being killed and injured and property damaged.

Nevertheless, security and political circles are gratified at the drop in the number of incidents and regard it as an indication that the huge expenditure involved in setting up an almost impenetrable barrier along the frontier is beginning to pay off.

"Almost" is the key word here. It is realized that no barrier can eliminate completely infiltration by terrorists, but it is hoped that it will reduce this to marginal proportions.

The first section of the barrier already has been completed and work is going ahead on the remainder. Simultaneously, a network of paved roads is being built, which will facilitate patrolling and eliminate to a great extent the danger of mining, which is very much easier on unpaved roads and tracks.

KEEP SMILING

ONE WAY

Wise Guy: "Everybody should pay his taxes with a smile. I tried it, but they wanted cash."

SO EXPLAIN

One of the Sunday school teachers in a large and fashionable temple was explaining to his class the significance of the color white.

"White," he explained, "stands for joy. That is why a bride wears white when she's married. Her wedding day is the most joyous occasion of a woman's life."

"Then, why," piped the little boy, "do the men all wear black?"

KNOW-HOW

"With a single stroke of the brush," said the teacher taking his class through the art gallery "Joshua Reynolds could change a smiling face into a frowning one."

"So can my mother," said Hymie.

LITTLE TWIST

"When an American has nothing else to do, he can always spend a few years trying to discover who his grandfather was," remarked Paul Bourget to Mark Twain.

"Right, Monsieur," answered Twain, "and when all other interests fail for a Frenchman, he can always try to find out who his father was, I reckon."

TIT FOR TAT

Sheldon (offering some candy): "Here, darling, sweets to the sweet."

Marilyn: "Oh, thank you, and won't you have some of these nuts?"

For Travelers

ISRAEL'S NEWEST ATTRACTION

JERUSALEM: - With the end of the fighting last June Israel found herself with vastly expanded responsibilities and with the new border configuration also found herself with new territory. The change has resulted in the addition of a number of sites to the tourist itinerary.

Most important of all the sites is the city of Jerusalem. Now that it is unified the contrasts of East and West, new and old, are no longer underlined by high stone walls, barbed wire and checkpoints. Today the two sections of Jerusalem flow naturally into the other.

Of prime importance to the Jewish visitor is the Western Wall. This wall dates back to the time of Herod, and it is possible that archaeological excavations now going on near the wall will positively date it to the Temple of Solomon. The Western Wall was never part of the Temple itself, as some have believed, but was part of the wall built to separate the Temple Mount from the rest of the city. It is the most sacred Jewish site in the world for the pilgrim of today and forms a visible link to the glories of ancient Jerusalem. While there will probably be no more meaningful visit than that which brings the traveller to the Wall there is much else to see in Jerusalem. The narrow alleys of the Old City are an experience in themselves. The open air markets in the tradition of the oriental bazaar echo to the Hebrew and Arabic of the Jerusalemites, and the English and French of the tourists. The sign "Yiddish Spoken Here" has yet to be posted on the shops of the market, but it is just a question of time.

David's Citadel and Tower which dominate the Jaffa Gate entrance to the city is also a point of Jewish interest, as are Rachel's Tomb on the southern outskirts of the city, and the Cave of the Machpela further south in Hebron.

The Golan Heights are not too far in mileage from the Dead Sea area, where the Jordan River empties its precious water. But here at the source of the Jordan it appears to be a different world. Well watered, cool and green, the area is the complete opposite of the deserts in the south. The view from the heights overlooking upper Galilee is breathtakingly beautiful but it only requires one glance at the formidable fortifications to realize that these same heights had been turned to the purpose of war, and for too many years Syrian artillery had spit death and destruction down on the settlements below. Druse peasants, the only residents of the heights which did not flee during the war gather at Baniyas in the north and sell their wares from stalls hastily constructed to meet a new element of life, tourism.

The decent from the Heights at El Hamma into the group of settlements established at the southern end of the Sea of Galilee has to be experienced to be believed. The transition from an area which is potentially fertile into an area which is blossoming is most dramatic. The road unwinds down the heights and straightening at the foot of the hills enters the irrigated banana fields of the settlements. The pulsing spray of life-giving water forms rainbows in the sunlight and the deep rich brown of the earth sets off the vivid green of the banana trees.

In the south interest is focused on Gaza, Khan Unis and El Arish. It was at Khan Unis that Israeli infantry and armor broke through the tight defence perimiter protecting Gaza and then encircled the city. It was here that Samson blinded, by his enemies, chose a hero's death rather than captivity.

El Arish, further to the south and in the northern reaches of Sinai is an oasis. Surrounded by row upon row of carefully tended date palms, the oasis is lush in the otherwise austere desert. On the ocean side of El Arish are some of the most beautiful beaches in the Middle East. Fine white sand washed out of the fertile earth of the Nile Delta has been deposited here through the centuries. A little more inland and the desert takes on the appearance of Israel's Negev . . . rocky and forbidding with only a few shrubs finding sustenance in the bed of a dry channel. There are tours which go into deep Sinai as

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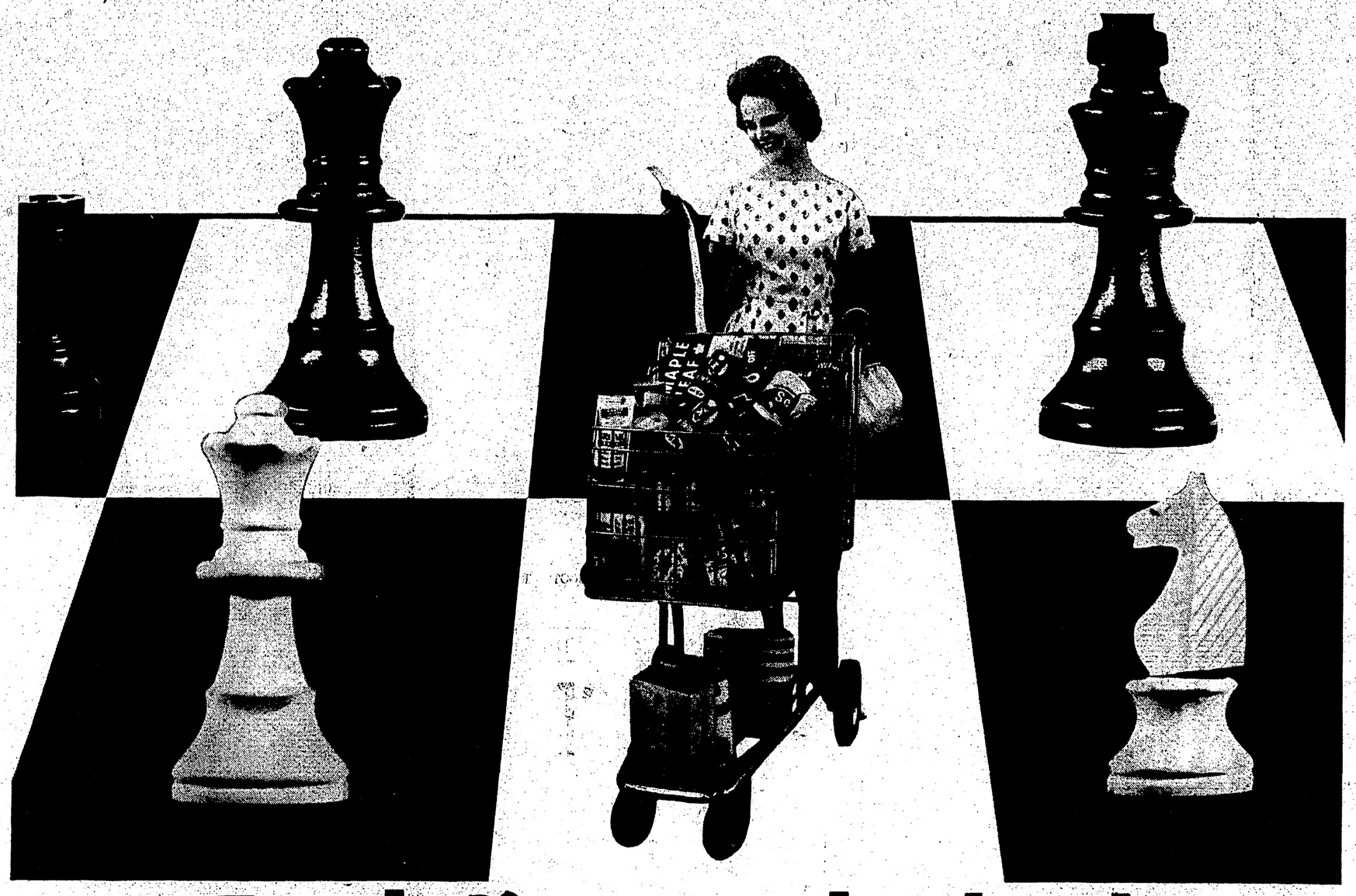

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Toronto After Dark

BREATH OF SOUTH AMERICA

Brasiliana, the native dance theater of Rio de Janeiro, featuring the spectacular Carnival in Rio, makes its first Toronto appearance in eight years when it opens at O'Keefe Center this coming Monday, May 6th, for one week.

A natural outgrowth of Brazil's native dancing culture, Brasiliana was organized in 1950 from among Carnival dance prize-winners by Impresario Mieco Askanasy and was first presented to the public in a theater in Rio. Since then it toured through other South American countries as well as in Europe, Australia, Canada.

Brasiliana has gained added popularity because of the advent of bossa nova in North America.

COMPOSER SCORES

Ben McPeek, composer, musical director of Spring Thaw '68, now at the Royal Alexandra Theater, is a Bachelor of Music. He was born in Trail, B.C. and graduated in solo piano from the Royal Conservatory of Music in 1954. He studied composition with John Weinzweig, Godfrey Ridout, Dr. Samuel Dolin.

McPeek composes and arranges most of the singing commercials heard on Canadian radio and TV. He was music director for the former Crest Theater as well as having directed the music for The Fantastiks, That Hamilton Woman, Actually This Autumn, Ding Dong at the Dell. He conducted two versions of Cinderella, one Negro, one Jewish. He is married, a father of three sons.

DRAMA AT TWP

The Travellers is the newest drama at Toronto Workshop Productions. Theme is political apathy; events happen to take place on a train. Hence the travel draw idea.

Theater tickets purchased before May 1st, for the opening or run of any performance, are eligible to win a Barbados holiday.

George Luscombe directs The Travellers.

ONE MONTH

Just four weeks more for You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown, at the Playhouse Theater. Prices are reduced, running from $2.00 to $4.00 tops.

REVUE

The Dell has opened yesterday with a new revue by Don Ryan: Valley of the Carpetbaggers. The potpourie is a collection of seemingly unrelated items culled most from Ryan's experience in Life. Humor is low-key, off-beat; jokes are clean.

INTELLECTUALS ARE LEAVING

JERUSALEM, (JCNS). — An Israeli shochet reported on his return to Jerusalem from the Polish town of Szcecin that the Dutch consular authorities have received many applications from Polish Jews who want to take up the offer of Mr. Wladyslaw Gomulka, the Polish leader, to allow them to leave.

At a Warsaw rally last month, Mr. Gomulka blamed students unrest in the country on "Zionist influences" and said that Polish Jews who did not intend to assimilate should go. Dutch Embassy officials have been looking after Israeli interests since Poland broke diplomatic relations with Israel after the Six-Day War.

Interviwed by Israel Radio, Mr. Avraham Hochman, the shochet, said that the Polish authorities were trying to whip up hostility against the Communist Party, and the Soviet Union.

the lively arts

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by D. COHN

* The Council of Czechoslovak Jewish Communities and the Prague community were among those who congratulated Karel Ancerl on his sixtieth birthday recently. Ancerl is the chief conductor of the Czechoslovak State Philharmonic Orchestra.

Prague radio and television devoted programs to him and the Czechoslovak Artists' Union arranged an evening in his honor.

* Although Algerian born Jewish singing star Enrico Macias was placed under an official ban in the Arab countries, where he has been a long time favorite, after photos had shown him singing to the Israeli troops during the Six Day War, Egyptian authorities had offered to rescind the ban if he signed a paper denying his Jewishness.

"But this," he said, "I was not prepared to do. I cannot change myself. If there is anything I can do to help Israel, I will do it."

Macias, 29, who looks like a younger Frankie Vaughan, formerly was a school teacher in Algiers where most of his pupils were Arabs. He settled in Paris in 1961 and became a singer. His records sell in millions and have won more than a dozen gold discs.

Despite the ban, his records still are doing a brisk trade on the Egyptian black market. But there is no demand there for his recording of Yerushalayim Shel Zahav (Jerusalem the Golden).

* According to Jonathan Randal of the New York Times, the Polish newspaper Kurier Polski attacked the Jewish State Theater for not denouncing what the regime has described as a worldwide Zionist campaign slandering Poland.

The state-subsidized theater which visited New York last fall is headed by Ida Kaminska, who won international acclaim for her role as an elderly Jewish widow during the Nazi occupation in the Czechoslovak film, The Shop on Main Street, which won an Oscar as the best foreign film in 1966.

The attack followed the lines of an earlier press campaign, which extracted an anti-Zionist stand from the Cultural Association of Polish Jews.

Kurier Polski's demand for public condemnation of the alleged Zionist campaign was addressed not only to the theater but also to Jews "from creative circles, artists and scientists whose names enjoy authority at home and abroad."

"I am not going to list these names," S. Drabarek wrote in Kurier Polski while specifically mentioning the "particularly flagrant abuse" involving Mrs. Kaminska's theater.

The point of departure for the attack was statements by Henryk Grynberg, a Jewish novelist and member of the troupe who defected after the theater's American tour.

His novel, titled, The Jewish War, has been under attack as an example of the alleged Zionist campaign depicting Poles as antisemites.

Kurier Polski said Mr. Grynberg threw "dirt on Poland and the nation that saved him from death, made possible his studies and insured him a start in life."

"One should be surprised that the actors of the theater who until recently appeared on stage with him did not find it necessary to dissociate themselves from and condemn the activity of a member of their troupe," the newspaper said.

The newspaper noted that the Yiddish language theater's existence "is evidence that the Jewish community in today's Poland has full freedom to cultivate its national separateness and creative achievements." But it recalled that "it is a state theater and receives subsidies from the Polish authorities."

BORED ROOM — What "meetings" are made of, in a sketch of Spring Thaw '68, depicting (left to right) Roma Hearn, Rita Howell, Doug Chamberlain. The hilarious satire on Canadiana is being performed at Toronto's Royal Alexandra Theater.

MORE REPORTS -- Toronto Jewish businessmen who heard reports of the recently held world economic conference in Jerusalem, at the home of Philip Granovsky, 1968 UJA-IEF Advance Gifts chairman: (left to right) Israel Shopsowitz, chairman, UJA-IEF Foods Division; Fred Fine, cochairman, Shoe Division; Joseph Kerzner; Kurt Rothschild.

ANTISEMITIC BOOK PUBLISHED IN TURKEY

ANKARA, (JCNS). — The Federation of Religious Personnel, a conservative Moslem organisation in Turkey, has urged a boycott of all firms owned by Jews and members of other minorities.

The Federation's call came after a meeting of religious teachers and Moslem priests from various parts of the country, and advocated a "continued boycott of the minorities which control the nation's economy."

Another meeting in Ankara, this time of so-called nationalistic and conservative organisations opposed to Communism, also turned into an anti-Jewish occasion. Placards carried by those attending the meeting bore such slogans as "Down with Jewish Imperialism".

An antisemitic book, entitled "Zionism, Reforms and Revolutions", has just appeared here. The book, written by a certain Ziya Uygur, blames the Jews for all the evils on earth.

Meanwhile, the antisemitic daily newspaper, "Bugun", is continuing its virulent campaign against Turkish Jews.

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MEETING

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Guest speaker was a member of the St. John's Ambulance course who spoke on first aid.

TEA

The Women's Auxiliary of Baycrest Center for Geriatric Care will have its closing tea meeting, Thursday afternoon, May 9th, in the auditorium of the Home.

Rabbi Abraham L. Feinberg will install Mrs. Isadore E. Smith as president of the Auxiliary.

Cantor Jacob Barkin will render musical selections.

SPRING TEA

The Parents Association Bialik Hebrew Day School held its annual spring tea and fashion show at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Ludwig Staub, last Sunday afternoon. Mrs. M. Fruitman was tea convenor.

DISCUSS THE "MOOD" AT JEWISH CAMPS

New York. — The Community Service Division of Yeshiva University recently sponsored an afternoon institute devoted to the topic of "Sabbath Programming in the Jewish Camp". The institute was open to camp directors, administrators and programme personnel only.

More than seventy delegates representing twenty-four Jewish camps filled a lecture hall in the main center of the University for the event.

Camp Moshava, sponsored by the Mizrachi Organisation of Canada, played a key role in the institute since its director, Rabbi Dr. Raphael S. Weinberg, had been invited to address the convention.

Moshava's Head Counsellor, Lippy Friedman and its Educational Director, Rabbi Bernard Mana, also were present. Other speakers included Rabbi Aharon Lichtenstein and Zvi Reich (director of Camp Morasha and a past director of Moshava) and Philip Baleam (Administrator of Camp Hill).

Rabbi Dr. Weinberg, Professor at Stern College-Yeshiva University spoke on "Creating and Maintaining a Sabbath Mood at Camp". He began by pointing out that the Sabbath is the last day of the week and we spend the entire week looking forward to Shabbat. He reasoned that this attitude should prevail in a camp setting as well. The children should be taught to look forward to Shabbat. Rabbi Dr. Weinberg mentioned projects such as checking an eruv, decorating a dining room, etc., which instill the feeling that Shabbat is truly a different type of day. Officials at Moshava point out that this procedure is followed at the Camp and that the staff is always seeking new ideas and methods to insure a beneficial summer for the campers.

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1-1/2 cups hot cooked, chopped spinach, well drained
2 tsp. flour
1/2 cup heavy cream
Salt and pepper
1/8 tsp. nutmeg
3/4 to 1 lb. thinly sliced smoked Nova Scotia salmon
6 poached eggs
Lemon wedges
Capers

Sprinkle hot spinach with flour; stir to mix. Stir in cream and cook until mixture thickens. Season to taste with salt, pepper and nutmeg.

On six salad-size plates, arrange slices of smoked salmon on one side, a small mound of spinach on the other. Top spinach with a poached egg.

Garnish salmon with lemon wedges and capers. Yield: 6 servings.

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ADMIRES MUSEUM DISPLAY OF ART — Saul Hayes, Q.C., national executive vice president, Canadian Jewish Congress, admires the interesting collection at Toronto's Beth Tzedec museum, pointed out by Mrs. Abe Levine, (right) past president of the Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations, while Mrs. John R. Devor, president of the Federation, looks on. Mr. Hayes was guest speaker at the annual meeting of the Federation held recently at the Synagogue.

SPECIAL BONDS COMMITTEE FOR WOMEN — In recognition of Israel's twentieth anniversary year, the Women's Division, State of Israel Bonds of Toronto, have established a special committee, the Jerusalem Committee, whose purpose will be to enrol an increased number of women in the $500 category of Bonds purchase which will help reach the 1968 target of $4 million. From left to right: Mrs. Gabriel Alter, associate chairman, Women's Division; Mrs. Morris Zweig, honorary chairman, Women's Division; Mrs. Hyman Sugar, chairman of the new committee. Mrs. Marvin Wagman (not shown) will serve as associate chairman.

VETERANS OF ISRAEL WAR HOLD REUNION HERE

A reunion dinner of veterans of the 1948 Israeli War of Independence was held recently at Toronto's Tri-Bell Club. Guests came from Calgary, Winnipeg, Kingston, Quebec, Milwaukee, Detroit and New York City.

Irving Matlow chaired the evening. Speakers were: Lt. Col. Ben Dunkelman, Senior Commanding Officer of Canadian Machal 1948; Hon. chairman D. Lou Harris; the Hon. Dr. Abba Gefen, Consul General of Israel in Toronto. Present also were Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Zacks, the latter an honorary chairman of Canadian Machal.

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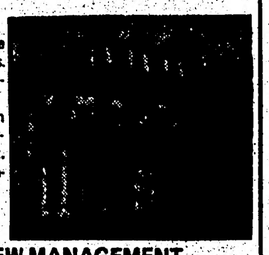

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The Other Side
by Ruthie

I read the other day about a Vancouver housewife who advocates the abolition of coeducational schools because they're distracting.

A mother, grandmother and former teacher, she says: "Modern life affords plenty of scope for boys and girls to get to know each other, and all about each other.

"But the classroom is not the right place for this experience; school hours are not the right time."

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Well, she's not altogether wrong; school hours are not the right time for socializing. But—everything else she says I disqualify.

First of all, what's wrong with coeducation? It's far less distracting than thinking the opposite sex is maybe a wild animal from outer space.

I can't talk for boys; I'm obviously female gender. And let me tell you, having attended at one time an all-girls school, I can say the subject of boys is quite a popular topic of conversation.

As one rabbi—a rabbi's rabbi—puts it: it's a world with men and women. If you hide one from the other, you make more of it than it is; anyway, it's only natural.

He's right. As far as strangeness is concerned, the fellow at the next desk is just so much furniture and not a mystery.

I remember when I switched to a coed school in my senior year at high.

Nu, the classroom I took in stride. But for about a month, everytime I went to the lunchroom, I broke out into a cold sweat. Every gesture I exaggerated: If a boy just nodded hello, I took it for a Big Romance.

And watching them chew—their temples looked so funny bobbing up and down with every bite, it was a real gas.

Of course it sounds silly and way-out. But does anyone know what really goes on in a teenager's mind?

Not for nothing Mama used to look at me and sigh, "Voo nemt men dem koiyekh (where do you get the strength)?"

Maybe the classroom isn't the right place to become acquainted. But it sure is the lesser of the two evils. Because kids'll talk wherever you put them. So you may as well let them stand on friendly territory.

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Mrs. Vancouver Housewife says to put girls in uniform. That's okay for the small fry. But just try it on the young adult! Can you stop them from breathing? Better not try. Because they'll conform to rules in school if they have to. Yet let them loose and they're like young, unleashed colts. So where do you benefit?

I recall when I went to that all-girls school. Right after classes the kids made a bee-line to the washroom to apply their makeup. They wouldn't be caught dead without their lipstick.

I had an experience too. I went through a period of acne. Well, Mama took me a couple of times a week to the doctor for radium treatment. That was a long time ago when this was in its experimental stage. So after each session, my face swelled and was red as a beet.

One day the principal called me into her office. That scared the daylights out of me. She was awfully strict. I bet she's still living because at that time she looked as though she dated back to the French and Indian War.

Nu, did I get a bawling out! "How dare you wear rouge to school! Scrub your face."

It took a lot of convincing that I wore no rouge.

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Once the boys from the "brother" school invited some of the girls to their prom. Well, the principal would let them go if they went as a group chaperoned.

Was there a rebellion!

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No. You can't swim against the tide, unless you want to develop into a mental misfit.

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Paris, (JCNS). — The reported signing of an agreement between France and Iraq for the delivery of 54 French supersonic Mirage V aircraft, has angered public opinion here to a point where political observers feel that Israel's almost limitless patience with Gaullist France is running out.

During the past week Israeli diplomacy made a supreme, but completely ineffective, effort to convince Paris to reduce slightly the pro-Arab bias to its Middle East policy, and also to accept Israel's defence that the Iraqis had effectively participated in the Six-Day War and were continuing to support anti-Israel terror activities through their units stationed in Jordan.

Israel is considering several methods of reply to counter the French decision. These include protest meetings in France, although it is admitted here that French public opinion is unlikely to influence President de Gaulle. It is also recognised that pro-Israeli meetings in France might not achieve the same impact as those organised during and immediately after the Six-Day War.

General de Gaulle, recently, angrily rebuffed a wartime friend who had tried to discuss the Mirage embargo. The President declared that his decision was final and he refused to listen to the friend's arguments.

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HUMAN RELATIONS

Should young people live alone?

by Dr. Rose Frenzblau

QUESTION: I live alone and am thinking of selling my home and moving to a new location. (I am divorced for many years).

My only child, a son, has four children and occupies an apartment which is now too small for his family. He would like to buy a home with me, comprised of two separate apartments, so that each of us could have complete privacy. He feels, and I agree, that with rents being as high as they are, it would make more sense to put the money into buying a home.

Without my financial help this is impossible for my son. I love him and his family dearly, and could go along with supplying some financial assistance, but this would still not be enough help, as his own rental would be too high.

I feel that young people should live alone and away from in-laws, no matter how good the relationship may be. At this time, there is no friction either with my son, or daughter-in-law, and I want it to remain so. He is closer to me than to his father.

ANSWER: The problems between parents and their grown children are not created by geographic factors like living too close or too far away from each other.

Sometimes physical distance reflects a wish to get away from each other, giving substance to an emotional separation that already exists. On the other hand, living close can be a result of either the younger family's or the parent's over-dependence, even though it may be interpreted as a show of great love and a wish to be mutually helpful.

The grown child may have an impulse to "run home to mother" when annoying things happen in his own home. Or else, the parent may feel she has the right to be with her child whenever she feels lonely. Of course, she may come offering help, but the child knows it is to fill her own void, and may feel imposed upon. She doesn't want to be a built-in babysitter for her elders, be it a mother or a mother-in-law.

It must be said that a close living arrangement such as your son has suggested, can in fact, work out sometimes. It works best when the parent works or has a full life of her own. The young wife and mother who feels fulfilled in her marriage does not feel challenged or threatened by the closeness of the older parent. They must be very respectful of each other's privacy and social life, and not justify their intrusions by offering unsolicited help, advice, or admonishments.

While your relationship with your son and his family seems to be a good one, there may be other factors which are making you hesitate. You may see this suggestion as a demand, where you give all and get little in return. Perhaps, when you felt all alone in the world, not even your beloved son was sufficiently concerned about you to include you very often in the life and activity of his family. But you must consider that he came up with this idea now because it is the first time that you are planning to make a move.

Now that his family is increasing more rapidly than his ability to provide for them, you feel that he is asking you to assume part of his responsibility for them. In addition, you may think it is about time that his father, who has given so much less than you, be asked to do his share.

That your son and his wife have proposed such a living arrangement, shows that they are confident you can all handle it adequately and well. This idea, is really a great compliment to you. But if you feel very strongly that living too close will impair your relationship, you might consider as an alternative helping your son to buy a one-family house, which would cost less. You can give him whatever you can and perhaps lend him the money for anything additional that he needs, with the understanding that he would, of course, repay you in time.

A show of confidence in him at this time would say that you believe in him and in his capacity to take care of his own.

An investment of faith in him now may pay dividends to all of you that would enhance his future, as well as your life.

ARRANGING CELEBRATION. — Messrs. Shlomo Perla (left) and Henry Cohen-Sittayoun, cochairmen of technical arrangements of the mass public celebration Sunday evening, May 5th, at the North York Centennial Center.

The event will mark the first official visit to Toronto of His Excellency Arieh Eshel, Ambassador of Israel to Canada. Program also will include Philip G. Givens, Q.C., Cantor Bela Herskovitz, Hadassah Choir and the Mahal.

Concern to Jewish Community

Athens. — The slogan "Greece of the Christian Greeks", adopted by the Revolutionary Government, had been causing concern among the 5,000 members of the country's Jewish community.

It was voiced for the first time last month by the Prime Minister, Mr. George Papadopoulos, when addressing a student rally at Salonika University. Since then, not only has it been repeated by the Prime Minister and members of the Cabinet, but Greek newspapers have been ordered to print it on the front page over the title every day.

No explanation has been offered for adopting the slogan, which is bound to hurt feelings of the non-Christian population. Besides the Jews, there are some 80,000 Moslems living in northern Greece and the Dodecanese Islands.

However, fears that this slogan might lead to some kind of racial policy have been dismissed by Mr. Stylianos Pattakos, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of the Interior.

"There is no discrimination among Greek citizens, whatever their religion", he emphatically told foreign correspondents. Then he added:

"In accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, while the Christian Orthodox faith is the official religion, all other religions are accepted, and their practice is free. Our own faith has taught us to 'love thy neighbour as thyself'".

Mr. Pattakos was answering the misgivings expressed in some Turkish newspapers about the campaign mounted in Greece for the use of the slogan.

SAM FRIEDMAN

New York City. - Torah circles here are deeply grieved by the demise of Sam Friedman, 79, eminent businessman and sage.

Besides his widow, Bertha, he is survived by two daughters and a son: Mrs. Hy Bessin, Ottawa; Morton Friedman, Ottawa; Miss Helen Friedman, New York City.

BULLETINS

FIGHTERS AWARDS

Jerusalem, (JCNS). — The Ministerial Committee here has reached its decision as to who would receive the new State of Israel Fighters Decorations.

Those entitled to medals include: members of Mahal; volunteers from abroad in the War of Independence; soldiers of the Jewish battalions in World War I, Hashomer; NILI; IRGUN ZVAI LEUMI; STERN GROUP; Jewish volunteers in the British Forces of World War II; Palestinian Jewish volunteers in Shomrim and Police; those active in "illegal" immigration; Israelis who fought with partisans in the ghettos and with the Allied armies in World War II.

SYNAGOGUE PRESIDENT REBUFFED

Jerusalem, (JCNS). — Israel's chief rabbinate has censured Maurice Jaffe, president of the Union of Israeli Synagogues, for circulating a form of prayer for Yom Atsmaut which had not received rabbinical approval.

Jaffe apologized and instructed all synagogues to revert to the standard prayer.

SEPHARDIM IN HOLLAND

Amsterdam, (JCNS) There will be cultural exchanges between Sephardi communities in Britain and Holland. The Dutch Sephardi congregation, which today numbers only a few hundred, will also receive the cultural support of their brethern in Britain.

These steps were announced here after Rabbi E. Drukarch, of the Amsterdam Sephardi congregation, and Mr. J.Z. Baruch, the chairman, returned from talks in London with Dr. Solomon Gaon, the Haham.

Among other measures agreed in the conversations, young Sephardi Jews from Holland will attend Hebrew and religious courses in London, a scheme of holiday exchanges between Sephardi families in the two countries will be introduced, and delegates of both communities will be responsible for each other's interests at international conferences.

Rabbi Drukarch, who was installed as rabbi of the Amsterdam Sephardi Congregation in January by Rabbi S. Rodrigues Pereira, the Sephardi Chief Rabbi, is the son of an East European Ashkenazi immigrant. His wife also has Ashkenazi antecedents.

Rabbi H. Rodrigues Pereira, a nephew of the Sephardi Chief Rabbi, is rabbi of the Amsterdam Ashkenazi Congregation. He was ordained a few years ago.

LINK TO BE SEVERED

"De Pinto House", at No. 69 St. Anthony Bree Street, one of the few buildings in Amsterdam recalling the prosperity of many seventeenth century Sephardi families, is soon to be demolished for road traffic requirements.

The house, now used as a workshop for ready-made clothes, was bought by the De Pinto family in 1651 after leaving Antwerp to settle in the city.

Their wealth became a target of envy and in 1696 the house was looted by the mob during a riot, which however, was in no way directed against the family.

In time the family, which traded with the East, made good its losses, and in 1750 David De Pinto received Prince William IV of Orange in his country estate outside Amsterdam.

According to legend, an English visitor at the turn of the eighteenth century said that one of the rooms in the house was paved with ducats and other coins.

ISRAELI SEEDS FOR FRANCE

Haifa, (JCNS). - Israel has begun to export sophisticated seeds in competition with veteran seed-growing countries. One of the large seed dealers in France has ordered nematode-proof peach seeds, which have been successfully raised in experimental farms in Acre, Beit Hanania and in the South. A surplus of seeds is expected to develop, allowing for increased exports.

1,000 BRITISH STUDENTS VISIT HOLY PLACES

HAIFA, (JCNS). — One thousand British high school pupils arrived in Haifa on a two-day visit aboard the British-India Steam Navigation Company's s.s. Uganda and visited the Holy Places.

The ship, on an educational cruise of the Mediterranean, arrived from Beirut and sailed for Malta. Many of the ship's 356-man crew are Moslems from India, and they visited Jerusalem and prayed at the Dome of the Rock.

SEVENTH GOLAN SETTLEMENT ESTABLISHED

HAIFA, (JCNS).—A seventh Nahal settlement has been established on the Golan Heights, at the foot of Tel el Faras. The settlement, founded by members of Hashomer Hatzair, is situated on the Kuneitra-El Hama road, west of the ceasefire line. Temporary living quarters and a dining hall have been put up, as well as a clinic and electricity and water installations.

PRAGUE—JEWISH LEADER

Prague, (JCNS).—A Polish born doctor of Jewish origin, Dr. Frantisek Kriegel, has been elected chairman of the Czech National Front, an organization made up of the country's five political parties for combined activities in the trade union and youth fields.

The 60-year-old doctor is a member of the Czech Communist Party's central committee, chairman of the National Assembly's exterior committee, and head of a Prague hospital.

The hope that the State Jewish Museum in Prague would be rehabilitated and placed under the central State authority instead, as at present, of being under Prague city council, was expressed by Dr. Vilem Benda, director of the museum.

He was speaking at the opening of an exhibition of paintings of Israeli scenes by Helga Weissova-Hoskova, one of the 100 Jewish children who survived the wartime Nazi extermination of the Jews of Bohemia and Moravia. She visited Israel on a grant from the Czechoslovakian Artists' Union in 1965.

Dr. Benda also voiced implied criticizm of the Czechoslovak authorities for seeking to make the celebrations of the millenary of Jewish settlement in Prague an event of only local and religious significance.

The celebrations are planned for the end of August and also will mark the 700th anniversary of the Altneushul (Old-New Synagogue) in the Jewish quarter of Prague.

The Czechoslovak Government was reported last September to have withdrawn its sponsorship of the celebrations, but officials later said that they never had been State-sponsored and were communal celebrations only.

For Travelers

ISRAEL'S NEWEST ATTRACTION

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well and many travellers have taken advantage of a unique air tour offered by Israel's Inland airline, Arkia. The tour departs Tel Aviv or Jerusalem and then flies over Gaza, and El Arish. It turns south at El Arish passing over places such as Bir Gafgafa and the Mitla Pass. The highlight of the trip for many occurs when the plane circles famed Mount Sinai before continuing on behond Sharm El Shiek and up the Gulf of Aquaba to the city of Eilat. At Eilat travellers can spend a few hours and then either take off for the return to the north or, alternatively, stay overnight to savor more of Israel's Red Sea port. Here they can tour the coral banks, take a boat to the Coral Island with its Crusader ruins, or take a Jeep to Solomon's Copper Mines before returning.

For the hardy there is a five day Jeep tour of Sinai organized by Neot Hakikar in Beersheba. This tour includes all of the sites mentioned but since it involves travelling over some of the roughest terrain in the world it is a challenge reserved almost exclusively for the young at heart.

While Israel's dimensions have been increased by its successful encounter with the Arabs the visitor should remember that the country is still a small one. No site is really far and with the combination of modern highways, buses, and trains travel in Israel is convenient. The new sites on the itinerary, when added to the lure of West Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa, Beersheba, Tiberias, Acre and many more make sure that whatever time is invested in Israel will yield dividends of pleasure.

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After 20 years: Israel's economy; relations with Asia and Africa

PROCLAMATION OF INDEPENDENCE

The Land of Israel was the birthplace of the Jewish people. Here their spiritual, religious and national identity was formed. Here they achieved independence and created a culture of national and universal significance. Here they wrote and gave the Bible to the world.

Exiled from the Land of Israel the Jewish people remained faithful to it in all the countries of their dispersion, never ceasing to pray and hope for their return and the restoration of their national freedom. Impelled by this historic association, Jews strove throughout the centuries to go back to the land of their fathers and regain their statehood. In recent decades they returned in their masses. They reclaimed the wilderness, revived their language, built cities and villages, and established a vigorous and ever-growing community, with its own economic and cultural life. They sought peace yet were prepared to defend themselves. They brought the blessings of progress to all inhabitants of the country and looked forward to sovereign independence.

Accordingly we, the members of the National Council, representing the Jewish people in Palestine and the World Zionist Movement, are met together in solemn assembly today, the day of termination of the British Mandate for Palestine; and by virtue of the natural and historic right of the Jewish people and of the Resolution of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

We hereby proclaim the establishment of the Jewish State in Palestine, to be called Medinat Yisrael (The State of Israel).

The State of Israel will be open to the immigration of Jews from all countries of their dispersion; will promote the development of the country for the benefit of all its inhabitants; will be based on the principles of liberty, justice and peace as conceived by the Prophets of Israel; will uphold the full social and political equality of all its citizens, without distinction of religion, race or sex; will guarantee freedom of religion, conscience, education and culture; will safeguard the Holy Places of all religions; and will loyally uphold the principles of the United Nations Charter.

We extend our hand in peace and neighborliness to all the neighboring states and their peoples, and invite them to cooperate with the independent Jewish nation for the common good of all. The State of Israel is prepared to make its contribution to the progress of the Middle East as a whole.

Our call goes out to the Jewish people all over the world to rally to our side in the task of immigration and development and to stand by us in the great struggle for the fulfilment of the dream of generations for the redemption of Israel.

With trust in the Rock of Israel, we set our hand to this Declaration, at this Session of the Provisional State Council, on the soil of the Homeland, in the city of Tel Aviv, on this Sabbath eve, the fifth of Iyar, 5708, the fourteenth day of May, 1948.

1948 ISRAEL 1968
1948 May 14 Proclamation of State of Israel
1949 February 16 Dr. Chaim Weizmann elected President
1950 November 29 500,000th immigrant enters Israel
1951 August 14 23rd Zionist Congress opens in Jerusalem
1952 December 6 Itzhak Ben-Zvi elected President
1953 December 7 David Ben-Gurion retires to Sde Boker
1954 January 26 Moshe Sharett becomes Premier
1955 September 22 Oil struck in Negev
1956 October 29 Sinai Campaign begins
1957 March 25 First ship arrives at Elath
1958 August 19 First International Bible Contest
1959 January 28 Knesset Speaker Joseph Sprinzak dies
1960 July 4 Atomic reactor in use
1961 July 5 First space rocket launched
1962 November 21 Arad new town opened
1963 May 21 Zalman Shazar elected President
1964 January 5 Pope Paul VI visits Israel
1965 May 11 Israel Museum inaugurated
1966 August 30 New Knesset building opened
1967 June 5 Six-Day War begins
1968 May 2 Israel's twentieth anniversary

ECONOMIC FUTURE

JERUSALEM: - The story of a nation's economic development is generally told in statistics. But any person who visited Israel in the early 1950's and who returned in the early 1960's for a second visit needs no statistics to tell him of the progress Israel has made in the 20 years since its independence. New cities have mushroomed up out of the sand and rock, seemingly overnight, to give the modern day inhabitants a world of opportunity and satisfaction never before available to them. With the cities have grown agriculture, new farming settlements, new fields rescued from the passage of time, new crops, and new farming techniques. With the cities have grown new factories producing the full range of products needed by a modern society. Many problems still await the Israel economy but any lesser word than miraculous fails to describe the accomplishments.

Arad, Carmiel, Ashdod, Eilat, Kiryat Shemona, Dimona and Addulam, are just a few of the cities established since 1948. Other cities such as Ashkelon, Beersheba and Hadera have undergone such intensive development so as to be nearly unrecognizable to those who knew these areas before.

Israel's economy has been growing at an average 9% in gross national product every year, which gives it one of the highest growth rates in the world. National income is over $1,000 per capita which now compares favorably with the more advanced nations of Europe. And it has only been 20 years. The transition has been from a comparatively primitive economy to a modern economy. An accomplishment which it should be recalled, was achieved at a time when the nation faced a border challenge which forced it to spend a disproportionate amount of sorely needed capital on defence.

How was the miracle of Israel's economic development accomplished? The answer is three fold: zeal, organization and capital. If any one of these three had been missing there is little doubt that not only would Israel have failed to make the economic strides described, but she would have without a doubt have been wiped out by her antagonistic neighbors long ago.

The zeal is represented in the vitality with which the Israelis have marshalled their strength to acculturate and absorb more than twice their number in new immigrants. It is shown in their love for the land and the willingness with which their young volunteer for work in border kibbutzim, go out to farm new areas, embrace western technology as if they had been born to it, and effectively apply this technology with the necessary adaptations to their own unique conditions. If there have been failures in specific projects, these failures can usually be ascribed to an excess of zeal, rather than indifference.

The organization is shown in the Israeli ability to bring project from planning to fruition with the use of its own architects and planners, contractors and builders, and in the final analysis foremen and workers. For on each level each knows his task and is able to accomplish it. Without the top to bottom capability of taking the capital and using it to turn dreams into reality there can be no reality.

The third and in many ways the most crucial element in the area of economic accomplishment is capital. It is the element most available to those who need it least, and most scarce among those who need it most. Putting it another way . . . the rich get richer and poor get poorer. In the world of nations a state without capital has not even the bootstraps with which to pull itself up. It is possible for nations to slowly, agonizingly accumulate local capital, but this is dependent upon the country's natural wealth and a favorable balance of trade. Israel had comparatively little natural wealth and a heavy influx of new immigrants guaranteed that the balance of trade would offer little opportunity, at least in the early years, for the accrual of local capital.

Yet the capital did come. It came in the form of loans from the United States. It came in the form of reparations from Germany. And most important it came from the hearts of Jews the world over who set and are still setting records in personal generosity which may never be matched.

At first the money came in the form of donations to Jewish charities, money which went to build the tent camps for the new immigrants. Then it came in the form of Israel Bonds, earmarked for economic development. The capital helped build the modern communications network of roads and highways without which economic development is unthinkable. It financed the extension of electrical power throughout the country. As a result output since 1955 has increased three fold. The number of employees has grown from 127,000 to 225,000 and industrial exports have risen from $63 million to $407 million.

The accomplishments are a cause for pride for all who have had a part in Israel's economic development, but it is impossible for Israelis and those who support her to ease the pace of development. The pressures of a hostile environment still threaten instant anihilation for an unvigilant people. A secure and mature Israeli industrial capability is perhaps the surest guarantee of peace in the Middle East. It is in acknowledgment of this fact of life that the Israel government is actively encouraging foreign investment. Under the newly amended Law for the Encouragement of Capital Investment incentives such as large allowances for depreciation, and relief from property, income, custom and purchase taxes are given to approved enterprises.

It should be recalled that the Israelis tax themselves more than any other nation in the world. And the government's willingness to provide relief in this area is a clear indication of the warmth and cooperation investors in the country can expect.

Industrial giants such as Sheraton, Hilton, Studebaker, Kaiser, Ford, and Philco have already joined with 250 other American enterprises in establishing business ventures in Israel. Where warranted, the government through its Industrial Bank makes loans available. While the economy is mixed; including private, state and cooperative enterprises, most of the plants are privately owned and these account for the employment of approximately 70% of the wage earners.

Israel boasts a large skilled labor force, an industrial growth rate of 13%, established markets in Africa and Asia as well as Europe, a well developed local market and highly trained professional personnel. In addition there are the research facilities of world famous universities.

The challenges of the past 20 years have been clearly met. The challenge of the next 20 must see the further development of Israeli industry until she takes her place as a leading industrial nation. Not just adapting western technology to her own needs but, indeed, helping to develop new technology, serving as an example of what man can accomplish with zeal, organization and capital, and making the benefits of her own experience freely available to the underdeveloped world, which so strongly desires its own place of pride among the nations of man.

TRADE WITH INDIA DESPITE TENSION

BY TREVOR DRIEBERG

NEW DELHI. — To the members of the Israel delegation to the second U.N. Conference on Trade and Development the fact that it ended with a whimper after two months of speechmaking and discussions and frantic last-minute efforts to make it yield some little gain to the developing countries came as no surprise.

From the start, those Israeli delegates with whom I talked said a conference of this size which had been entered into without adequate advance planning had little hopes of producing anything tangible, and if many delegations from Asia, Africa and Latin America expressed anger at having to go home empty-handed they had only themselves to blame for having come here with expectations which economic and political commonsense should have told them were impracticable.

But of the Israelis it can by no means be said to have been a profitless mission. On the contrary, it was an invaluable opportunity to learn much and to shed, in the process, some misapprehensions about India which should be of considerable use to the Israel Government.

FEARS ALLAYED

On their arrival the delegates, none of whom had ever been here before, found that their fears that they would be coldly received and kept at armslength by Indian officials and laymen had not been warranted. They found they could move about freely, that they were not the object of suspicion or hostility, that the reactions of officials whom they met ranged from polite correctness to easy and frank cordiality, and that among the general public the reaction to learning that they were Israelis was one of admiration and respect.

In fact, many of the delegates recorded numerous expressions of a keen desire to visit Israel and cultivate closer personal relations with Israelis. They also received as many personal pressing invitations to return to India.

And they met with an almost unquenchable thirst for knowledge about their country and its people, one oft-repeated question being how Israel had solved the problem of the diversity of languages of the settlers who had come from all parts of the world. Another matter on which information was as eagerly sought was the spectacular advance Israel has made in agriculture. This was natural, for India is bedevilled as much by food shortage as by frenzied hostility to making Hindi the official national language instead of English.

As much interest was shown in the conflict with the Arabs, and perhaps the most significant instance of the average educated Indian's sympathy for Israel was the presentation to Mr. Yosef Shaphir, Minister without Portfolio, of a sword on behalf of the All-India Sikh Young Men's Association to be delivered to Moshe Dayan as a token of esteem.

It would be no exaggeration to say that the newspaper coverage in Delhi of the activities of the Israel delegation exceeded that of all the Arab delegations put together. This relates not only to reports of the proceedings of UNCTAD, where Israel made its mark with the Horowitz proposal of financing aid, but also of functions at which delegation members spoke, and special interviews.

The two receptions organised by members of Parliament, the first by Mr. Dahyabhai Patel, leader of the Swatantra Party group in the Rajya Sabha (Upper House), for Mr. Michael Comay and the second by Mr. Balraj Madhok, ex-President of the Akhil Bharatiya Jana Sangh and a member of the Lok Sabha (Lower House), were a notable success. All parties, including the Congress Party but excluding the two wings of the Communist Party and splinter groups owing allegiance to them, were represented at these gatherings.

As an essay in public relations, the delegation has been a pronounced success. But even more important is its discovery that plenty of scope exists for trade exchanges with India. The fact that Delhi has no diplomatic relations with Jerusalem is not, as those delegates who met officials as well as private businessmen found, a barrier to trade. They had the satisfaction of learning, from official sources connected with trade and commerce, that the Indian Government has not imposed roadblocks to trade but would, on the contrary, welcome it.

Nor does the lack of a formal bilateral pact inhibit trade, provided each side finds that the other has goods it needs at reasonable prices. As they cautiously felt their way round, they learnt that India was much more developed industrially than they had supposed, and that it was in a position to supply Israel with a fairly wide range of capital goods, including railway rolling stock and other requirements such as rails and sleepers and sophisticated signalling equipment, ingot steel, pig iron, iron ore and coal.

FERTILIZER NEEDED

India's most urgent requirement, for which Israel is the most convenient source of supply, is fertiliser. This year, India will have to import about 700,000 metric tons of fertiliser for the targeted needs of agriculture, which are, however, far below what it would really need if the level of use per acre was raised to comparable world standards. Rock phosphate and agricultural expertise are two other Indian requirements that Israel is in a position to satisfy.

The talks members of the delegation had held informally with officials of the Ministry of Commerce, the State Trading Corporation and the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry as well as with industrialists and trading concerns have indicated a favourable climate for trade and laid the path for more intensive activity in the immediate future. Currently, these initial steps are being followed up by the Asian Trading Company of Israel, and there is no reason why they should not bear fruit.

But two facts are clear: if a peace settlement could be effected in the Middle East, any inhibitions in certain official circles to encouraging trade and other contacts with Israel would be removed; contrarily, if the atmosphere worsens, these same circles might take positive steps to discourage trade.

Nigeria's 'drift' on Mid-East

By SHALOM COHEN Jerusalem Post Service

The repercussion of Nigeria's internal troubles on the country's relations with Israel, which have deteriorated in recent times, were acknowledged, if only implicitly, at a meeting in Jerusalem with a visiting Nigerian, Dr. Obarogie Ohonbamu, lecturer in law at Lagos University.

On a week's visit as guest of the Foreign Ministry, he was introduced to correspondents by officials as a "political activist, and an Africanist with an international horizon."

Dr. Ohonbamu has studied at Hull and Oxford Universities in England, and then Red Germany at the Karl Marx University in Leipzig, and is the author of several books.

Nigeria offers an illustration of how one can drift into a position on the Israel-Arab dispute on entirely extraneous grounds. The term drift is used, since prior to the troubles in Nigeria, excellent relations and close cooperation existed between the two countries. Cooperation continued until nine months ago when the secessionist war broke out, with the Eastern Region setting itself up as Biafra. Till then, Israel rendered technical aid to this West African country, and considerable development activity was carried out by Israel and joint Nigerian-Israel contracting firms on a variety of public works in three of the four Regions into which Nigeria was then constituted: the Eastern, Western, and Mid-Western Regions.

The Northern Region, probably the main cause for the present decline in relations with Nigeria, is predominantly Moslem, but even here technical aid for trainees in Israel was arranged through the Federal Government in Lagos. Some trainees in fact are still studying in Israel.

Relations with Lagos were good — until the outbreak of the secessionist hostilities. Since then, Nigeria's stand at the U.N. has been cautiously described here as "not favourable" to Israel, the caution prompted by Nigeria's evident disinclination to yield wholeheartedly to Arab, and possibly Soviet, pressures to take an all-out anti-Israel stand.

Last year, when Nigeria sat on the Security Council, its vote had to be reckoned by Israel as going to the opposition, though with some reservations.

AFTER THE WAR

Discussing this question of Nigerian - Israel relations, Dr. Ohonbamu at one point said:

"After the war we can decide who are our friends and who our enemies."

Several times in our talk he referred to reports which have cropped up in various places intermittently, about Israel aid to Biafra, which he invariably qualified with "If it is true."

Foreign Ministry officials who were present emphatically refuted these apparently inspired reports, which have also repeatedly been denied offically by Israel spokesmen in the past.

Works carried out in what was formerly designated the Eastern Region (the Federal Government in Lagos has announced the reconstitution of Nigeria into 12 confederation States) predated the secessionist troubles. With the outbreak of the war, all Israel nationals were ordered to withdraw, in line with similar steps taken by other countries.

This was also said in reply to Dr. Ohonbamu's reference to Israel construction of hangars in Biafra, to which he had added the rider

"If it is true that Israel nationals are helping Biafra—as individuals or sent, I don't know."

He recalled that he had discussed these reported allegations with the Israel Ambassador in Lagos, who, he said, had been "furious" about it.

To my question whether these allegations, denied by Israel, were in fact not the real cause of Nigeria now siding with the Arabs at the U.N., but that this was prompted by Nigeria's bid for support against the secessionists, Dr. Ohonbamu said:

"We are at war now and we take aid from anywhere. We had a foreign policy supposed to be nonaligned. But when the troubles came, our traditional friends turned their backs, Russia came to our aid."

Again he remarked:

"If Israel did aid Biafra, it was probably our own fault." He added that, "Traditionally, the East was more friendly to Israel; the North frowned on it; in the West there was chaos."

EGYPTIAN INSTRUCTORS

Asked what aid the Federal Government was getting from the Arabs, he replied "Not as such... We were compelled to buy Migs, and so we had to borrow some pilots from Egypt to train our men. The Egyptian pilots do not fly our planes." Dr. Ohonbamu said he believed in self-help. But the war was forced on Nigeria, Russia, he said, was "compulsorily our friend ... this did not mean we are Communists."

One had to go back to the "sociology of our society," he continued. "The North-predominantly Moslem, the South, Christian. At first, the Premier of the North said it would not recognize Israel. The Federal Government countered 'it was not your business'. The North was running the show. But a compromise was reached with the South. The Federal Government was pushed by the war. Outside the war, we are not looking for anything in the Arab world, and don't think they can give us aid, either in money or technical aid."

Earlier, Dr. Ohonbamu opened the discussion by outlining the background and history of the current strife in his country. He traced the crisis to 1964 and a planned coup by Colonel Ojukwu, the Biafran secessionist leader. Like Nasser, he had planned to remove Ironsi and take his place, he said. Because he failed, he began to talk about genocide of the Ibos. Now that thousands of Ibos and Nigerians had been killed in the war, he wanted to talk peace. Countless Ibos were imprisoned in Biafra, who, if released, would certainly come forward to make peace — without Col. Ojukwu, he said.

As regards his visit here, he said he was sympathetic to Israel, and that coming here he had learned that it was "more complicated." He hoped he would see the "other side" before summer.

SOVIET AID FOR WAR, NOT FOR PEACE. — Syrian leader Nureddin Atassi leads his colleagues on a tour of a Soviet submarine, part of the Russian naval force visiting Latakia.

● We didn't let you know that Mrs. Feffer moved from Pitt Avenue to Ritz Boulevard. Nor did we print that Mrs. Saltz is vacationing in Jamaica

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GUEST SPEAKER AT CONGREGATION ANNIVERSARY. - Prof. Abraham Setzuzau Kotsuji, Japanese Jew whose dramatic conversion to the Jewish faith at the age of 60 in Jerusalem attracted the attention of people throughout the world, who will be guest speaker at the opening event of the fourteenth anniversary of Montreal's Beth Ora Congregation, this coming Sunday evening, May 5th. Dr. Kotsuji is former Professor of Theology at Tokyo University. Rabbi Morris Halpern is spiritual leader of Beth Ora.

MONTREAL NOTES

VICE CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Alan S. Finestone, first vice president of the Women's Federation of the Allied Jewish Community Services of Montreal, has been appointed vice president of the committee on Women's Communal Service of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, as has been announced by Louis J. Fox, president of the Council.

The Council is the central association of 222 Jewish community organizations serving 95 percent of the Jewish population of Canada and the United States. It provides aid and consultation in education, welfare and health services, plus fund-raising.

BANQUET CHAIRMAN

Irving Eklove will be chairman of the bar mitzvah banquet of Bar Ilan University, Tuesday, May 7th. Samuel Bronfman, Q.C., president of Seagram's, is honorary chairman.

DRAWING DEFERRED

The drawing of subscriptions of the Council of Units of the Jewish Hospital of Hope is deferred to Sunday afternoon, May 19th and will take place at the hospital.

BAZAAR CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Sam Rabinovitch is chairman of the annual Hadassah Bazaar which takes place next Tuesday and Wednesday in Concordia Hall.

TEA

The Mother-Daughter Sisterhood Tea of Beth Hillel Synagogue takes place next Wednesday evening. Mrs. I. Teicher will be guest performer. Members will model paper gowns they made themselves.

Mesdames Ann Goldenberg and Tina Rosen are coconveners.

LUNCHEON

Adath Israel Sisterhood held a dessert luncheon last week of which Mesdames J. Pfeiffer and B. Silverman were coconveners.

MEET

The Shevet Achim Chaverim Kol Yisrael Sisterhood met Tuesday evening. Mrs. S. Bagel demonstrated tupperware.

ART EXHIBIT

Participants from the Golden Age Association will exhibit their art at Eaton's from May 16th to June 1st. The exhibition will be opened officially by Dr. Victor Goldbloom, MLA from D'Arcy McGee riding. According to Mrs. Anne Greenstein, supervisor of the Arts and Crafts program, a majority of the exhibitors are showing their work for the first time in their lives.

Mrs. H.R. Miller is chairman of the exhibition committee which includes Lyon Simkover and the Mesdames Nat Gordon, Bernard Berger, Sam Stein, Dan Rabie, Harry Carter, Lawrence Drapkin. Assisting Mrs. Greenstein as instructors in the program are Mrs. Lisl Hofman in crafts and Mrs. Ann Salzedo in painting.

GENERAL CHAIRMAN

Sydney Maislin has been appointed general chairman of the Montreal Israel Bond Organization. He succeeds Max Wolofsky.

EXHIBIT AND SALE

The West Island art exhibit and sale, sponsored by the Hebrew Foundation School of Congregation Beth Tikvah, Dollard Des Ormeaux, took place last Wednesday and Thursday.

Col. Dov Sinai was patron; cochairmen were Mesdames Louis Libenson and Cyril Ducoffe.

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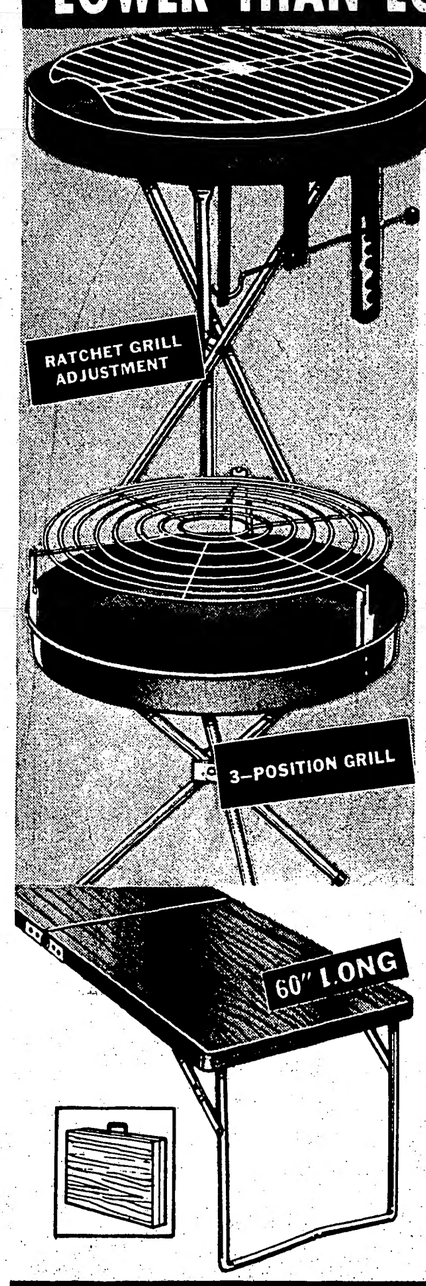

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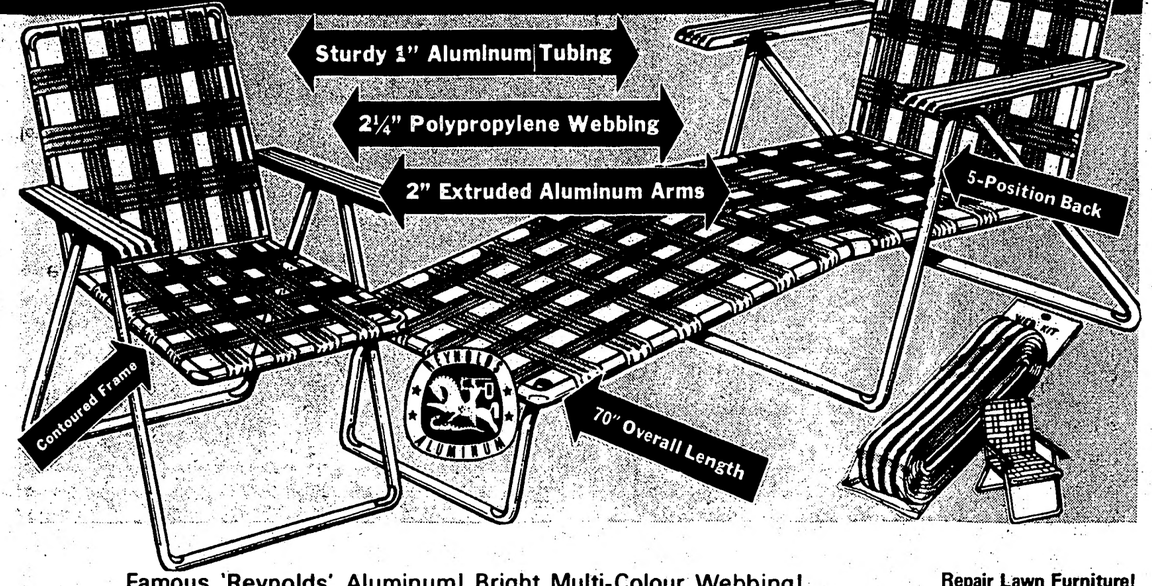

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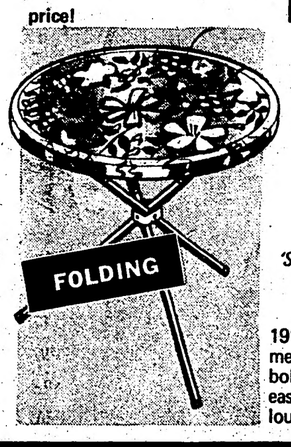

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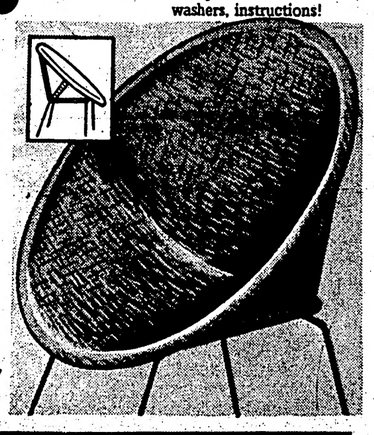

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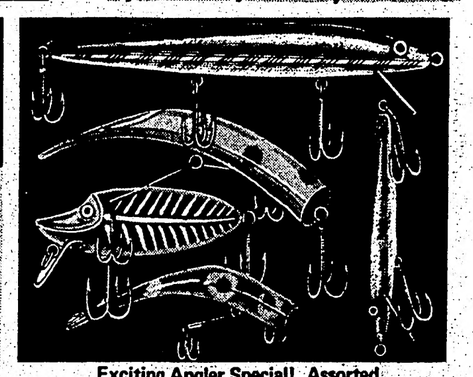

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